

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the contents of the City Manager's memo.

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

Excused: Dunbar, Ungar

Staff present: Briley, Butler, Freeman, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Spencer, Wong

The meeting ended at 7:48 p.m. and then reconvened after the City Council meeting.

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

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Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening. Welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council meeting. Today is Tuesday, July 5, 2016. This is our regular Council meeting. We're starting a little late this evening, but we had important business for the City to discuss. Mr. Raguz, would you start this meeting by calling the roll please?"

Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Two of our members have previously told us they would not be available this evening: Councilman Ungar and Councilwoman Dunbar. We'd like to excuse their absences. The next issue is approval of the minutes of the regular Council meeting. I believe that my ally has sent you her corrections."

Tom Raguz stated, "Yes, she has."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. If those have been received for the Monday, June 20 meeting, we'll proceed to the next issue. As is our standard process here in Cleveland Heights, we invite residents and non-residents to have personal communication with Council. At this time, if there's anyone who would like to speak to City Council, we invite them to go to the podium to your right and my left, and state your name, address and please speak for less than five minutes. Is there anyone that would like to speak this evening? Yes, ma'am, in the second row – the woman with the ponytail. Okay."

Marcy Denton stated, "My name is Marcy Denton and I live at 1472 Wilmar Road and I'm here tonight to express my concern about the removal of the traffic light at the intersection of Mayfield and

Ardoon and Middleton. I brought a few visual aids. One of the things that has me concerned is – this is difficult to see. I've got a bigger map I can show, but looking at a district map of where the kids have to walk to go to school. If that traffic light were to be removed, there's a whole slew of kids south of Mayfield that would have to walk to the easternmost part of the Noble School District to cross and kids, being as impulsive as they are, I'm concerned about this because I'm concerned about kids who are already running late to school who might take the straight shot across the Ardoon-Middleton intersection instead of taking that jog around which ends up being about a quarter mile I measured. If we were to keep that traffic light there, that maintains that straight shot for the kids to get right to Noble.

The other concern I have is the intersection kids would not – it's actually two intersections – you'd have to use if they weren't using the intersection at Mayfield/Ardoon and Middleton and it has me concerned because even though there is a crosswalk there, a crossing guard there, when kids are going to and from school - thank you very much – kids still need to have access to the playground. They still need to have access to the library and they need to be able to do this independently and safely and furthermore, it's not just kids. We have quite a few people in our community who are in wheelchairs who need a safe way to get over there.

So, let me explain a little bit about how these intersections work. I am not a cartographer, so excuse this rough drawing here, but basically... Thank you, Vanna. Thank you very much. So, as it is, if kids can cross this light here at Middleton/Ardoon, they've got really safe access to Noble Elementary School. Otherwise, what we have here are really two intersections that unfortunately many drivers use as one. So, what often happens is east-bound drivers have the red light here at Mayfield and instead of stopping here before the crosswalk as they should, they pull on ahead and they cross this crosswalk. That causes a couple problems. One, I can speak from personal experience, my daughter and I – and she's 13, but I feel like I need to walk her through this set of intersections because it's so complicated. I was walking her across Mayfield the other day. We were trying to cross. We were watching the light. We were crossing across this intersection here. There was a car blocking it and so we had to go a little bit west of the intersection to get over here to South Noble. In the meantime, there was a driver from Noble headed south. She had a green light. She heads across zipping over onto South Noble, treating this as if it were one intersection, almost hits us, and yells at us to get out of the street and I thought, 'Wait a minute. We have the crosswalk here.' But it's confusing for drivers, especially if someone is going through here who does not know our community. Another complicated situation that happens – again, drivers cross and sit on top of the crosswalk here and this happened to me today – where I was crossing on South Noble and again crossing with the walk sign. Yet, if there's a driver over here coming south off of Noble, especially if there's a car blocking the view, especially if I were in a wheelchair or if I were a small child, this driver coming off of Noble going south does not see the pedestrian in the crosswalk right here, scoots across to get into Auto Zone, and that also causes a problem.

So, it's a confusing intersection and so, I'm thinking, you've got several things that make this a safety hazard. One is kids without, you know, with kids having to take a jog over here are going to impulsively jaywalk and I know of some neighbors that have seen this happen or, if they do try to go

over here, even if they're trying to do the right thing, it's a confusing and dangerous intersection. So, I know studies have been done to show how many pedestrians use this intersection and that's great and those statistics give us some good information, but this kind of fills in some other gaps. So, that is that. So, thank you very much for doing what you can to keep our City safe and accessible."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We'll make a referral of this to the City Manager and the Police Chief. Do you know whether there are any exemptions because I know we've started on the traffic study already, or is it almost complete?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "The study is still under way. We're still collecting data."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Are there exemptions for removing traffic light signals when there are hazardous situations or there are schools within a certain radius?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "I believe the traffic study takes all of those things into account and I know that the end of the study doesn't necessarily mark the end of the due diligence, so I don't think we're there yet."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, thank you. Next, there was a woman in the second row. Yes ma'am, you. Did you have your hand raised to speak?" (Inaudible comment.) "Oh, okay. There's a young person directly behind you. Yes, ma'am. Did you remember my instructions? You need to state your name and your address for us and you can't give us a really long speech? Okay."

Tanisha Briley stated, "She can use the mic on the floor if that's helpful."

Ella Waterson stated, "My name is Ella Waterson and my address is 1526 Middleton Road. When you took away the cross light, it means that now all the kids on my street that go to Noble have to go around the long way and right down on the, just across Mayfield, we have friends that know us and if we, if we get hurt, they know and they know and they can help us. When we go down Noble Road, there's nobody there. It's just an empty lot and it just; it just doesn't work out very well."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a recommendation you'd like to make to us?"

Ella Waterson stated, "I think that if you want to keep it on Noble Road, you should just put the light back in at Mayfield and then you could have lights at both places."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Thank you, Ella."

Vice Mayor Stein and Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Future taxpayer, that's right. You notice I listened to her."

Faith Susanna Hinkelman stated, "Can you hear me?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Yes, ma'am."

Faith Susanna Hinkelman stated, "I'm going to speak louder because I'm hard of hearing. I know there's a lot of people who cannot hear. This is my first time here. I'm sorry. I'm very nervous. My name is Faith Susanna Hinkelman. I live at 1470 Middleton Road, same place we're talking about here and I've lived here since 2001, right after 9/11. I moved from Toledo and I thoroughly thoroughly enjoy Cleveland Heights, but right now, I'm very concerned about the same thing that they're talking about because I just actually today took a road down...I've been following some of this on the Internet and actually, Mary Dunbar did respond to one of my questions that I had asked, but I noticed that – okay, we have bicycle lanes, we have traffic lanes. Do we have pedestrian lanes? No, we have all these wonderful residents that live along Mayfield Road and there are only a few crosswalks for people to get from one side of the road to the other and unfortunately all of the lights that have been suggested to be removed are the ones that have the crosswalks. There's Cleveland Heights right by Bethlehem Lutheran Church. That one is going away supposedly. The one at Middleton – they've already moved the sign saying that they have to go to Noble Road to go across. Pedestrians have to walk there instead of going straight down a wonderful tree-lined street going down to Noble Road. And it's not just the kids, because I have people – I live the second house down in and I see older people and younger people pushing baby buggies and walking their dogs and they go straight down Middleton onto Ardoon and it's a wonderful walk and you go to the school, you go to the library, and what they want you to do is to go down Noble, South Noble to North Noble and then walk on this area that's just derelict almost and I don't want my grandchildren walking down that way. It's not safe, but what I'm thinking is – if we had some way to make sure that people could cross if you do indeed want to get the traffic to keep on zooming through down Mayfield Road to Warrensville that way or the other way. I mean, I live on Mayfield and Middleton and I'll tell you, I have trouble getting out. I really do. I've dodged cars because I look that way. I look this way. Can I get out? Can I get out? And I think, 'Okay, I can get out,' and next thing you know, someone is barreling down from Severance to Middleton blasting their horn because they think I'm – what – doing something wrong and I've been this close to getting hit because they think they have the right of way even though there's a blinking caution light, okay? So, my thinking, I'm making a suggestion. I would like to suggest that you leave the lights there. I understand the state is supposedly telling them you have to get rid of some of these lights or whatever or somebody told me that if we keep the lights, Cleveland Heights has to pay for it, but I don't understand why because we're not replacing the light. We're just leaving the light where it is, but if we could have the – like she said – the kids to walk across there if you could push the button, let the kids go through, and then the traffic could continue to keep on going or if people like me who live on Middleton want to get out into traffic. I mean, sometimes there's, it's backed up from Warrensville is the first one and then comes Noble and those cars all along there and then they go right across to Middleton. You can't get onto Mayfield off of Middleton, so if there was some way that if the traffic light could be programmed to notice that there's somebody trying to get off of either Ardoon or Middleton onto Mayfield, just let that person off, just a short light and let it get the people safely on to Mayfield and then switch back and then the cars can zoom back and forth as much as they want, but at least it would be safe and I worry about the kids and the older people and other people that are trying to cross and especially there's another one it's Eddington, not Eddington, okay, what's it called? There's another one it's across from the car dealership or the Enterprise site. Ivydale - that one is growing too. That's a crosswalk. How do those people –

where can they go? I mean there's miles of sidewalks, but there's no way to get across because you're taking away all the crosswalks which doesn't make sense to me. I know it's supposed to be a state type of thing. They said they were doing a survey. I asked why I don't see any cameras or anything. How do we know there's a survey? Oh, well, people are supposed to be looking. I don't. I live two houses down. I've never seen any people watching how many kids or people go across there and as I said it isn't only school kids. It's a lot of people that use those because it is a safe comfortable way to get from one place to the other. That's my main suggestion - if we can have a short pause in the traffic that's going to go like this and you're trying to dodge to get into Severance I can't do that. It's awful and as I said that woman was that close to hitting me and she's blaring her horn because she thinks I'm coming out onto the street and I don't have the right of way. Well, there is no right of way as far as I'm concerned unless you can have either the light able to notice that there are cars that are trying to get out and just stop it for a little while and let people come off of those side streets or those kids because we've had traffic guards, crossing guards on our corner there all the time and now there's no corner; there's no crossing guards. Of course, there's no school going on right now either, but they also helped people if they were coming through and they were not students. They helped people get across the road there. It's just not safe. I'm so afraid someone's going to get killed. I really am. So, that's my suggestion. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Ms. Waterson, I'm presuming that you..."

Mr. Waterson stated, "Technically no, but..."

Mayor Stephens, "Okay."

Damien Junk stated, "I am Ella's father, but my name is Damien Junk. I also reside at 1526 Middleton. My wife and I had a deal on naming. For obvious reasons, she did not take my last name when we were married. I'm also here about the traffic light at our Ardoon, Middleton and Mayfield. I think for me the biggest issue is the sense of community. So, I did purchase that home on that street because of the access that the light afforded, but if I'm being completely honest, it's really only a minor inconvenience to get around it for me in the car. I can go right. I can go down a couple streets and go left with the light if I need to. The Noble Road intersection is horrible - the way that it jogs. You know, if I were the City Planner, I would cut Noble off. You could go down Warrensville Center. You still have access to the companies that are there that aren't there anymore. My biggest issue is the sense of community. Those three streets - Middleton, Wilmar and Noble are bordered on the south by the Oakwood Country Club which has signs that ask us to politely not trespass on their property which I understand is bordered then by Warrensville Center Road at the east, Mayfield at the north, and then we don't really have a road connection although we could walk to Mayfield to walk down. My biggest issue is with my children and with people walking. If you do go over to Noble, the problem there is the sidewalk isn't set off the street. It's right on the street. It's filled with trash. There are no homes there. There are no businesses there really any more. There is an empty field and you have all of that traffic zooming up and down Warrensville Center on the boundary of the city there. Ardoon is a beautiful tree lined street where we know people. We know neighbors. My daughters can walk. I feel comfortable with that walking with them. I know that there was a survey done and there is an issue with the numbers. Depending on the day, I take my kids to school two days a week. I have three children that

would normally go and because I drive to work, I'd drop them off, but on other days Monday, Wednesday, Friday, typically my wife will walk with them and the other issue really is that the library is there as well. So, we really struggle because we feel kind of disconnected from the community. We're an island surrounded by the boundaries that I'm talking about and the really only option that is good that I feel safe with is to walk up Ardoon Street. Noble is a disaster and so, as a sense of community, taking our kids to Noble, being a part of that community school, we'd like to maintain our ability to be a part of that community and we just don't feel like we can when we're separated by this traffic light. I would suggest that you do a crosswalk there, but my concern there is that if the motorists aren't used to the light being there, that if you put in a button for just kids to walk during the day and in the evening a motorist is going to drive right through and kill somebody. So, I think you really need, I'm asking you to leave it the way that it is for the safety of the kids and for the motorist to understand what's going on and what my last comment is - the signs seem a little misleading because they say they're under study for removal, but it seems to me like the study has kind of already been done and they've been noted for removal, so just kind of worried about that as well, but thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Do I see another hand me?"

Linda Butler stated, "Hello. My name is Linda Butler. I live 2200 Devonshire Drive and I want to thank Mayor Stevenson the members of the City Council for welcoming all of your citizens here and listening to our thoughts and complaints. In Thursday's Sun Press newspaper, I noticed and was delighted to read that Hilltop Development Project was going to commence and I was impressed that the developers had been asked to preserve green space and create a mixed use facility and somebody who had asked for proposals was really thinking about how this Hilltop construction - large construction - would fit into the community. However, I was disappointed that there was absolutely no mention of anything related to energy efficiency and this is very early on in the project, but you do have four people who have committed to, you know, create designs and I wanted to mention my own experience with green energy. My husband and I four years ago built a super energy efficient house on Devonshire Road and, in looking at the energy costs for that house, it's 6,000 square feet and we pay about two hundred dollars a year to have all the electricity. It's all electricity. That's all. That's what, you know, super energy efficiency can do and it's also a very healthy house. We purposely use nontoxic paints. We - it's an extremely tight house and there was a lot of attention to which way the windows would face so we could put solar panels on the rooftop and solar thermal hot water on the rooftop so all of that energy could be used by us, but similarly, something like that could happen with this project and it would put the project as it should be as a spotlight for the future and would it conceivably, you know, present a road map for future building projects in the city as opposed to just doing what's been done before. With my experience when we went through the building process was that there was a lot of attention to design, but almost no attention to the energy efficiency issues because the people in the building department didn't know anything about that and so I would suggest quickly because this has to be integrated into the buildings from the beginning. You can't design a whole building or a whole building set up without including an architect to really understand the possibilities of green energy in this green building and so I'd urge you to - well, one of the suggestions I would like to make is that I'm part of a group called Sustainable Heights that's being resuscitated right now and there's a group of people there

who are very talented, very concerned about sustainability, and I'm on the Green Energy Committee and I would be happy to organize a number of people who are knowledgeable about green energy construction and architecture and advise Council or whoever is just making the building decisions for this so that this could be integrated and this could be something that we could all be proud of 75 years from now."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We are... we have some of the folks who have spoken, have done presentations to us, have included green elements and sustainability into their presentations. What we asked for was qualifications. We are not deciding on a proposal right now. We're building it from the ground up and this is an element that is of primary consideration for the Heights. Thank you. Yes, there was a lady directly behind you. We're going to go with her first and then you, sir."

Melissa Fliegel stated, "Thank you. My name is Melissa Fliegel. I live at 1498 Middleton Road, so I'm obviously here to talk about the traffic light. I don't know if it was two months ago I did reach out to someone at the City inquiring what the process was for the study, what did that truly mean, so I have seen a copy of it and I understand the different aspects that were studied. I believe the study took place in September several years ago on a Thursday which does not really encompass what it's like to live in this area and regarding the school, I think the count was 17 students and you need 20 students using a crosswalk to kind of validate the need for the crosswalk. I think if you look at... I don't know if it was state requirements just kind of establishing a benchmark. We do not use that crosswalk on a daily basis. I do have three kids. Two are school age right now who, with that traffic light, and they are older, I wouldn't trust them to cross the street, go to Noble Playground with that light not being there. Absolutely, that is not the case. I travel down Noble daily to drop my son off to daycare. It is a desolate underdeveloped space that is not one that appears safe. I work on projects right now with C.M.S. schools and they have a Safe Routes to School Program, so I feel that part of my insight and questioning to remove a light that's already there is not promoting a safe walk to school and, while there are two lights there, the other one is clearly not safe where you are taking kids away from residences. I guess a couple of my questions as the study continues. I would imagine that I don't know what the full project is. Are you upgrading lights? Are you up to upgrading crosswalks or was that part of it? So, what is the cost to replace them if you are upgrading them? But if you are to remove them, it costs money to remove them as well, so just looking at the balance of from a financial side of what that actually does. So my primary concern is the students, kids, families crossing the street. It's not safe. Kind of second to that is the bottleneck of cars. Even when the traffic light was there, cars would sit in the intersection. So, you're trying to get home from work and you can't even pull through and they're all just sitting there because this is just one big road so vehicular traffic just ignores streets and that has only gotten worse. And then I feel my perception of speed and I am wondering if the Police Department has studied – has there been an increase in speed without a light there? It feels that way to me because now, with the Cleveland Heights light removed as well, it's just keep on driving. It's 35 miles an hour. It feels greater than that. I was kind of told with the study, just asking where it would go further, that the Police Department will also be studying accidents. I just personally hope I don't get in an accident trying to leave, so I think maybe studying it again, counts on the weekends. You know, looking at it from different avenues and I

think you've heard a lot of good feedback today from neighbors, so I hope that is taken into consideration.

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, ma'am."

Melissa Fliegel stated, "Thank you."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Yes, sir."

Pat Paletta stated, "Hi, I'm Pat Paletta. I live at 1705 Cumberland Road in Cleveland Heights. I moved here in 1998, so I've lived here almost 20 years now. It's hard to believe, but a few things that I wanted to discuss. I really should have come to these meetings sooner, but the first thing is something that happened on Sunday. Over the years, I've dealt with the picnic pavilion at Cumberland Park. It's very close to the pool. There's no real parking area for the people that use it, but they do, they're allowed to register to use it for large groups of people. The problem that we have with it is that it's not monitored by anyone from the City, so it's a real gamble each weekend as far as who you're going to have basically parking in your front yard, you know, right at the street and what kind of noise level you're going to have to deal with and it was really a problem on Sunday. People had pulled... literally pulled their cars into the pavilion through the park playing amplified music. I called the City Police and they told me that if they were registered to use the pavilion, they were allowed to make noise until 9:00 at night and I said, 'Really? Isn't there a noise rule or anything like that?' They said, 'No, as long as they're registered until 9:00, they can, you know, basically make whatever noise they want,' and that just didn't sound right to me and in addition to that, I guess I'm just questioning over the years what we've dealt with with that pavilion. Does it make sense to have large groups of people allowed to congregate there if the City can't monitor it? And I know it costs money to do that. So, maybe we should be charging fees that are high enough so that we can afford monitoring or maybe if there's misbehavior, they don't get the security deposit back, some way to create better behavior there because it's a residential area. Personally, I think it was a mistake to put the pavilion there just because it is a residential area and there's no designated parking, so these people are not are literally right in front of our homes every weekend. So, that's the first thing I want to talk about and I guess before I go to the next one - is there a solution to that or is there something that we could talk about?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "I can't give you a solution this very moment. However, we'll refer to the City Manager and to... and she will talk with probably both Parks and Recreation staff as well as Police staff so that we can see if we can find a solution, but we will least discuss it. So, there is no solution for you tonight that you can go home with, but we will follow up with you. Then your second issue?"

Pat Paletta stated, "The second issue is just the general appearance of a lot of the businesses in Cleveland Heights especially in the Lee Road area including The Family Dollar Store at the end of my street where I just see, you know, one and two foot tall weeds just growing out of flower beds, you know, trash laying around and other examples of that would be abandoned, I think it's a closed down

daycare center on Lee Road - Educare. I mean, the weeds are literally this high. The Sunoco station near my house at Euclid Heights and Lee Road, I think they recently might have done something, but it just looked atrocious and, you know, are we doing something to fine businesses for that kind of an appearance? I know like, even with the closed down business like the daycare center, there has to be someone that owns the building that could be fined. I know when I moved to Cleveland Heights in '98, there was such a level of diligence where they literally called me when I bought my house and said, 'If you don't mow your lawn, we're going to mow it for you and you'll be charged.' Well, why aren't we doing more of that now?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "That also gets referred to the City Manager and we'll follow up with you rather than respond here tonight."

Pat Paletta stated, "Okay."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If you would... if you have a card, if you would leave it with our City Manager or if you'd like for us to call you at home, if you'd write that number down for her, then she can respond to you."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Mayor, if I may, I'm going to ask Susanna. I'm going to ask Susanna to follow up with him. Okay. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anyone else you'd like to share something with us this... Thank you, sir. If you'd head to the podium please. You're doing pretty good. It didn't take three minutes."

"I'm involved. My name is..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Your name, sir?"

Kermit Gable stated, "First name is Kermit. Kermit Gable, 3880 Mayfield. I hear these people talking about the kids and the problem of the light. I can sit in my living room of the apartment. I live right there on the corner, the apartment building. I have a pick-up truck with a traffic light on a blinker light on top. Several times, I've gone out, pulled the truck out, stopped the traffic; take the kids by the hand across the street. There's a problem there. That's not the issue that I came here to talk about, but I've come in to back up what these other people said. I'm an old time builder - 60 years - built thousands of houses. I'd like ten minutes time with the Mayor and Mr. Stein when we're done here. I have some problems with Cleveland Land Bank. The Land Bank has 41 properties listed in Cleveland Heights. This is active cases. The cases that are on - it's a 31 page list from the Land Bank. The ones that were on the demo list or vacant lots, I've eliminated them, but there's 41 other properties and I'm involved as a volunteer with a non-profit organization called the Christian Housing Improvement Program. We operate similar through Habitat for Humanity. We use all ex-military people for volunteers, carpenters, plumbers and so on. We need properties that we can strip out and rehab for these veteran families, There are several issues I have with the Cleveland Land Bank and in Youngstown, I go to Nate Perryman, Councilman, have a problem with a Land Bank, it's solved. In Warren, Trumbull County, I go to Mr.

Rowan with trouble with the Land Bank, it's solved. I've learned over the years that the Land Bank is mostly political and, you know, there's a lot of leeway. You can go either way, but I have some issues. I have some properties I'd like to work with and I'm having some difficulty and I'd like to talk to you two people about this after the meeting."

Mayor Stephens stated, "After the meeting, if we could set up a time, because it is getting a little late, but if you could after the meeting if we could set up a time to meet with you, we'd like to do that because it is getting a little late. So, if you don't mind holding on until after the meeting. It's not going to be a very long official meeting tonight. Then, we'll set up a time to meet with you."

Kermit Gable stated, "I've got more time than you have."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Is it Gable?"

Kermit Gable stated, "Thank you. Gable, yes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Mr. Gable. Is there anyone else that would like to speak to City Council this evening? If not, we will close the portion that accepts communication from our residents and move to the Report of the City Manager. Mrs. Briley, do you have a report for us this evening?"

#### **Report of the City Manager**

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next is the Report of the Finance Director/Clerk of Council. Mr. Raguz, do you have something to share with us this evening?"

#### **Report of the Finance Director/Clerk of Council**

Tom Raguz stated, "Yes, I do. I need to notify Council that in connection with the proposed issue of not to exceed \$1.7 million of notes to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purposes of reconstructing, resurfacing and otherwise improving City streets together with necessary appurtenances thereto, rebuilding Monticello Boulevard and Taylor Road, including engineering and planning costs with respect thereto, acquiring motorized equipment and appurtenances thereto, acquiring computer hardware and related equipment and improving the City's water system by constructing and installing water lines together with the necessary related equipment improvements and appurtenances thereto. Your Honor, I need to make this a Matter of Record."

#### **Matter of Record**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. I'm going to refer this to Finance Committee and we will review it in moments when we get to Finance. Now we move to committee reports. First I ask the Chair of Administrative Services to give us a report if she has one. Councilwoman Roe."

#### **Report of the Administrative Services Committee**

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I have no report tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next is Community Relations and Recreations Committee. Vice Mayor Stein."

#### **Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee**

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "This committee has no report tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next is Finance Committee and the sole standing member of this committee this evening."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Yes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "The other two council members have been excused. It's Councilwoman Yasinow."

#### **Report of the Finance Committee**

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right. Thank you very much, Your Honor. I have two pieces of legislation; one being a resolution one being an ordinance for consideration by this body this evening. The first is Resolution Number 56-2016. This is for first reading only. This is a resolution approving the adoption of the 2017 Tax Budget and whereas..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Whoa."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Yeah, it's correct."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "It's just a resolution for first reading."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, okay."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "First reading only. There will not be a vote, but this is a resolution for consideration. This is a resolution approving the adoption of the 2017 Tax Budget. Whereas the City Manager has previously prepared and submitted to the Council a proposed 2017 Tax Budget for Council's review and evaluation. Whereas a copy of the proposed 2017 Tax Budget is available for inspection by the general public at the Office of the Director of Finance. It's at the Office of the Director of Finance at City Hall. Whereas a notice of public hearing which will be held July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. will be given at least ten days prior to the public hearing on said 2017 Tax Budget. This is a resolution that would thereby approve the adoption of the 2017 Tax Budget as is on file in the Office of the Director of Finance. The clerk would be directed to make a copy of the approved 2017 Tax Budget as a Matter of Record and the Director of Finance would be directed to file two copies of the approved - should say 2017 in section three - Tax Budget with the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission. That is Resolution Number 56-2016 available only on first reading tonight, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Next up I have Ordinance Number 57-2016. This is an ordinance providing for the issuance and the sale of \$1.7 million worth of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of (i) reconstructing, resurfacing and otherwise improving City streets (ii) rebuilding Monticello Boulevard and Taylor Road, including engineering and planning costs with respect thereto, (iii) acquiring motorized equipment and appurtenances thereto, (iv) acquiring computer hardware and related equipment and (v) improving the City's water system by constructing and installing water lines, together with the necessary related equipment, improvements and appurtenances thereto. This would be authorization in the amount for \$125,000 for the improvement of City streets, \$195,000 for rebuilding Monticello and Taylor, \$1.124 million for acquiring motorized equipment appurtenances thereto, \$71,000 for computer hardware and \$185,000 for the improvement of the City's water system by constructing and installing water lines with the bonds dated approximately July 1, 2017 and bearing interest at the now estimated rate of 5% per year. I hereby present Ordinance Number 57-2016 for consideration this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do I have 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, Yasinow

Nays: None

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

#### **Ordinance Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This legislation passes. Is there anything else you'd like to share from the Finance perspective this evening?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Nothing tonight, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Then we'll move on to Municipal Services Committee."

#### **Report of the Municipal Services Committee**

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right, Your Honor. We are up for Resolution Number 58-2016. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for administration and inspection services for the Cedar Road Resurfacing Cedar Fairmount Streetscape Project and providing compensation therefore. This resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement with GPD Group for the Cedar Road Cedar Fairmount Streetscape Project with compensation not to exceed the sum of \$238,900. The City reasonably expects that the cost of all such expenditures will be paid with the proceeds from the City's issuance of tax exempt notes or bonds. I hereby present Resolution Number 58-2016 for passage this evening."

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

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

### **Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes. We now can spend the money for this."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Excellent."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anything else?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Just that I hope people had a lovely Fourth of July."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we have Planning and Development Committee. The chair of that committee is absent this evening. Councilman Stein is here. No, it's Councilman Seren that's on this committee."

### **Report of the Planning and Development Committee**

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, thank you. Next is Public Health and Safety. That is Councilman Seren."

### **Report of the Public Health and Safety Committee**

Councilman Seren stated, "Nothing to report again."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. I told you this would be a speedy meeting. This evening I'd like to remind people that in our near future is our Cain Park Art Festival. We want each and everyone who's interested in attending and seeing who the spectacular artists that we will have this year, they come out, walk up and down the lane in Cain Park. There's also musical entertainment. When you come to the auditorium and you'll also be able to reach out and speak with several of your Council people. Many of us take turns sitting for an hour or two at the information booth and you can register to vote or change your address if you're not registered to vote. Ella, remember to register to vote in what - 11 years? Thank you for attending this evening. This concludes your City Council meeting for Tuesday, July

5. Our next Council meeting is Monday, July 18, 2016 and as always, God bless America and God bless Cleveland Heights.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, reconvened on the above date at 8:55 p.m. to discuss the contents of the City Manager’s memo.

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

Excused: Dunbar, Ungar

Staff present:   Briley, Juliano, Niermann O’Neil, O’Donnell, Wong

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

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Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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