

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. The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.

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

Excused: Yasinow

Staff present: Anderson, Boland, Briley, Butler, Freeman, Juliano, Knittel, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Smith, Spencer

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:52 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

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

Staff present: Anderson, Boland, Briley, Butler, Freeman, Juliano, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Spencer

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to City Council meeting for the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. It is Tuesday, September 6 and it is 7:52 p.m. We apologize for the slight delay in our meeting, but the City's business gets pretty... a bit consuming and occasionally we like to have a conversation about the things we've been asked to do. Without further ado, Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll?"

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

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. At this time, I'd like to excuse Ms. Yasinow for family activities that she is participating in. We have minutes from our August 1 meeting. Did our usual editorial comments get provided to staff? Thank you very much. At this time, we'd like to welcome any residents or persons who have interest in the community to come to the podium to my left and your right. Please state your name and address for the record and please keep your comments under three minutes if possible. Sir, welcome to the podium of Cleveland Heights."

Rico Dedancy stated, "Good afternoon, community, residents. I am the president of National Black Deaf Advocate. We have concerns..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Your name, sir?"

Rico Dedancy stated, "My name is Rico Dedancy."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "And address."

Rico Dedancy stated, "3635 East 49th, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115. We just had a – in South Carolina – they have a deaf guy that just lost his life to law enforcement. How to communicate with people who are deaf? How do we get videophones in the jails? How do we get iPads? The City of Cleveland just got

iPads for officers, how to communicate with people who are deaf. We understand we have deaf, we have seniors and we have disabled, okay? Deaf people have the right to live and not the right to die. It's true an officer can shoot a gun in two seconds. My whole family is deaf and it hurt me to see two people die, one in Kentucky and one in South Carolina. We ask that City Council – can we put something together for our deaf residents in Cleveland Heights? Like an iPad, videophone, something training on people with the disability, especially the people who are deaf. I've been traveling all around this country and teaching officers how to communicate with deaf residents."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Do you have a business card or some written information? Okay, if you would... Ms. O'Neil, is that who he should talk to? Susanna, if you would get his information please. Mrs. O'Neil is our Deputy City Manager. He can't hear me. Duh. Okay, for those of you who are in the audience watching this at a later date, we recommended that the Deputy City Manager step into the hall and talk with this gentleman so that we can get some input for our programming and to work with our police officers. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to us this evening? Ma'am, would you approach the podium please?"

"Good afternoon, Council. My name is Cheyenne Tool. I live at 950 Nelaview Road here in Cleveland Heights and I come before you because I have an issue, well, there's like three. I'll just name them real fast. Number one is the – I hate to keep picking about this Section 8, but some of them are nuisance and some of them are very good. I just happen to have nuisance ones on either side of me and there's one that moved in about the middle of June and they get their kicks out of calling the Cleveland Heights Police on me because they keep talking about smells from the house and different things and they broke in a second time, the Fire Department. The biggest problem is a refrigerator that I cannot move out of my house, but I will have somebody moving it out Friday and I don't appreciate them keep calling because they're nuisance. They throw their garbage in the front yard and I'm constantly calling CMHA on Kinsman about the two. One at 946 Nelaview. The other one is 952 Nelaview and I guess they come in with an attitude like we're going to get you out because we want your place, but that's not gonna happen. I have been working with Dexter Buchanan, inspector, because the house does need some work, does need repairing of the door, part of the lining going down to the basement of the wall, things like that, and because of me working by myself, I've asked a lot of people. They promised to come. They don't show, so I'm doing most of this cleaning out by myself which is taking time. So, meanwhile, while it's taking time, I don't need these Section 8 with their idiocy acting the way they are because they're, to me, they're just full of iniquity and it just makes the matter a little worse for me. So, what I'm doing now is I'm working with Dexter the Inspector to get the house in better shape so that I can get a loan because I do need the kitchen remodeled or fixed, the bathroom and part of the basement, some electrical work, and let's see, the electrical work, there's one more that I need. Well, I can't think of it right now. I got it written down, but these are things I'm trying to do, but I need to do it in peace and need to be able to house in peace and do what I have to do without the Section 8 acting an idiot and their loud music and their friends up and down the street. It's just horrible. You know, so I'm trying to do the best I can to get myself together and then later on I want to apply for one of the loans to have the house back in good shape because I want to see my grandbaby at Christmas time and they want to come visit me. So, that's what I'm here about - getting things in order, getting the house fixed

up and do something about them Section 8 people please. I'm really just sick of them, their attitudes, you know, and if I could pay \$25 to \$50 a month in rent, I would be happy, but I can't. That's not even my light bill. It's more than that, but I just wish the attitudes would change, that's all."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, okay, is there anything else?"

Cheyenne Tool stated, "No, that's about it outside of my full schedule. You know, I'm just trying to get myself together so I can do the swim next month - next year in Birmingham, Alabama."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good luck. Thank you."

Cheyenne Tool stated, "And thank you so much for listening to my concerns."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anyone else who'd like to speak this evening? If you'll approach the podium, ma'am."

Barbara Sasnowki stated, "My name is Barbara Sasnowki and I'm a representative of the Noble Neighbors team. I happen to be the Team Manager for the Beautification Team and we've developed perennial gardens at Noble and Roanoke, the old gas station that kind of went down and was slowly, but surely turning into a green space if we'd ever get rain. Belvoir and Monticello is another place we adopted an already existing garden that didn't have gardens, and CVS and Longwood corner beds are also places that we've developed. We also keep up, you know, after the litter in many of the city pots that kind of run along Noble Road right near that Roanoke area and mainly I just want to say thank you at least to the building in a Public Works Department who have moved maybe, we didn't request it, but they moved many pots from the Lee Road area to our area and filled them with abundant and beautiful flowers and kept them watered and it was in time for a big springtime event that we had right before summer kicked in. That would be the springtime that we got that big snow and so right now I'm just learning how to work with the Public Works Department in the whole aspect of communicating and know who can do what. And I'm just thankful to learn the system and so I just want to say thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you ma'am. Is there anyone else who'd like to speak this evening? Yes, sir."

Sterling Stinnerson stated, "Sterling Stinnerson. I live at 2673 Euclid Height Boulevard. I'm concerned about getting some cement blocks or some pretty sturdy posts between our other driveway between two buildings because where we have one driveway for the building I live in. The building next to us has one driveway, but they also come and use ours; old thing and they say that it's part of their deal. Who should I go to to get somebody to come out there and tell us what we can legally do to get some..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "With your driveway and with the other party's driveway."

Sterling Stinnerson stated, " Yeah."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I think it's a Building and Housing issue. I'm going to refer you to the City Manager who will probably send the Deputy City Manager out the hall with you to get the addresses so that we can help you figure out where the property line is. Is there anything else, sir?"

Sterling Stinnerson stated, "That's fine. Thanks very much."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anyone else who would like to talk with me this evening and Council? Yes, ma'am.

Roz Peters stated, "Good evening. My name is Roz Peters. Rosslyn is my formal name and I live at 3131 Chelsea Drive, Cleveland Heights 44118 and I'm here this evening because. I want to know more about what is going on with the parking meters and I understand there's a task force that is working on this, but I don't know who is on the task force and there are several of us who are very interested in the business areas and how this is going to affect them and we'd like to know who from Council is assigned to working with the task force and who knows more about it and how we can give input and when that timing will be and what the schedule is. All those things, because we are concerned about the business people and the fact that whatever rate, if the parking meters are changed with rates, that that could affect especially small business people a great deal, and we are out here and lots of people - just the timing was not good. There was a group of people that wanted to come tonight, but I'm here, and so I'd like to get as much information as possible."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Actually, we have lots of information on that."

Roz Peters stated, "Oh, good."

Mayor Stephens stated, "City Council has been working with staff. Staff has been doing the heavy lifting. The City Manager has assigned work of a leadership role for our endeavors in a parking pilot with the three commercial districts Cedar Lee, Cedar Fairmount and Coventry and Ms. O'Neil who we just referred people to a minute ago. She is the lead person as a Deputy City Manager; she has worked with the Executive Directors of the Special Improvement Districts. For those three districts, they have found a company who will be providing us with a parking app, and there are some other recommendations that they'll be making, but if you want precise details that we don't do a presentation here, you can just stay and step in line with Susanna, and she can provide you with some additional details."

Roz Peters stated, "Okay, thank you very much."

Mayor Stephens stated, "You're most welcome and thank you for paying attention to what we're working on. Excuse me a moment, yes, gentleman Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "I think I may have emailed you back, just before this meeting actually, and my understanding and the City Manager can correct me if I'm wrong, but any increases, I understand, will take place after discussion after the pilot. So, we're going to see how the pilot goes first."

Roz Peters stated, "And how long as the pilot?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "We didn't decide that."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Yeah, we haven't really decided. We probably will go with six months on the pilot and the Mayor was absolutely right. The task force is made up of business owners and those who represent business owners. So, they are working with us in making those recommendations. In fact, it's their recommendation."

Roz Peters stated, "And when can citizens and other business owners that aren't on the task force give their input?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Well, any time you can contact me that, you know, the City Manager or the..."

Roz Peters stated, "Final decision will be made by the Council I'm assuming and the Council will have a time that the citizens will be able to..."

Tanisha Briley stated, "If rates are changed, Council will definitely need to weigh in on that, so that would come through legislation, the form of legislation."

Roz Peters stated, "Through the planning committee?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "No, through this body. Through City Council."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Through City Council."

Roz Peters stated, "Oh, I thought maybe the committee would like to make it come right from the task force to the City Council."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Correct."

Roz Peters stated, "Okay. Thank you very much."

Mayor Stephens stated, "We'll do a public meeting. We will also do... we're working to do or have they finished the draft of the what will go on You Tube, so you'll be able to phone in it or use your smartphone or go on your tablet or go to your PC and some folks have their television set up to go on the Internet as well to find out more details."

Roz Peters stated, "Right. Thank you very much."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anyone else who would like to speak with council? Yes, sir."

Fred Gearheart stated, "I'm Fred Gearhart. I live on 1609 Rydalmount Road. Directly behind me is a property at 1610 South Taylor road. It was mentioned in the committee meeting. I have been in contact with inspectional services, community relations, a number of people over the past three years, some Council people. I understand the long and sordid history of this building, but over the past year,

especially the state of deterioration had been incredible and, you know, I have tried to ask some people to come to my property and see what it looks like from behind because it was ten times worse than it was looking at it from Taylor Road and I was told this spring that there were people. I've heard renters. I've heard squatters mentioned, but there have been people coming and going, the water was shut off and then they, I believe, over the summer graffiti turned up on the back of the building which was a big concern and then of course August 7, there was a fire and it really needs to come down and I was told that it would be presented as a nuisance property at this meeting tonight and I just wanted to strongly say - please take that building down."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I think you heard me say personally that I wanted it to come down, so Council will stay on top of that and we'll send you a notice when we have it scheduled for demolition."

Fred Gearheart stated, " Yes, I would like to know when it...how soon it will be happening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else who would like to speak with us this evening? If not, I will close the section for personal comments from our residents or other businesspeople or interested parties and move on to the report of the City Manager."

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I just have one brief request this evening. I would like to request permission to move forward with the request for proposals for concessionaires at our Cumberland Pool, Denison and Community Center."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I'd like to refer that to the Recreation Committee, Vice Mayor Stein."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "I move to authorize the City Manager to advertise an RFP for concessions at the Community Center for sales, park and Cumberland Pool."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, do we need to call roll on this one?"

Tom Raguz stated, "Yes."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I'm sorry?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Was there a second for this? Thank you."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Permission Granted

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This referral for requests for authority to go after request for proposals is approved. You are authorized. Next we move to the Report of the Director of Finance, Clerk of Council, Mr. Raguz."

Report of the Director of Finance/Clerk of Council

Tom Raguz stated, "I need 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 Cal. No. 3406: Stephen B. Stone, 2350 Ardleigh Drive, to permit a driveway to be set back 0 feet from the side property line.
- BZA Cal. No. 3407: Lana Radl and Mithan Rajan, 3500 Fenley Road, to permit a chicken coop to be set back 0 feet from the principal structure.

Your Honor, I need to make these a Matter of Record.

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. These will be referred to the Planning and Development Committee at their section in this Council meeting."

Tom Raguz stated, "I also need to notify Council that a notice has been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that application has been made by the following: Walgreen Co. dba Walgreens 04130, 3020 Mayfield Road, 44118, C1 and C2 permits . Your Honor, I need to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Tom Raguz stated, "That's all I have tonight, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That will be referred to the Public Safety and Health Committee of Council and we will discuss it if there are any further issues. Next we go to the committee reports. First is Municipal Services Committee. This evening Councilman Yasinow is not present. So the Vice Chair of the committee will need to move these resolutions forward. Remind me who the Vice Chair is."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I think it's me. Is that me?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "I thought it was because you looked at me with a blank look, so I was like okay. It is tonight. That is tonight you're authorized."

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I have... I move that we accept Resolution Number 68-2016. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a storm water management program service agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes. The next resolution, Councilman Roe."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "This is Resolution number 69-2016. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns and DeHaven, Inc. for engineering services for the Final Design and Right-of-Way Acquisition Phase of the Mayfield Road Traffic Signal Upgrade Project."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there any discussion?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I would... I would like to just say that we did spend a lot of time in our Committee the Whole meeting talking about this project. We have time to do more planning in terms of how this is going to impact our residents and we will figure out a way to include them in those discussions about how we can make this a win-win for us in terms of budgetary ramifications for the City and also addressing the public safety needs of our citizens. We also want to recognize that those of you who have sent us Emails and have come to our Council meetings to share your thoughts and concerns, we not only are listening but we are planning on trying to do what we can afford to do and to work with you in the future. So, please stay tuned as we work through this with staff to make sure that they have public safety stays a priority. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes, and our next resolution under Municipal Services Committee."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Resolution Number 70-2016 is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the State of Ohio through the Office of the District One Public Works Integrating Committee for Public Work Ohio Public Works Commission funds to be used for the Coventry Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project. I so move."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

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

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes. Next we move into the Planning and Development Committee all told. Councilwoman Dunbar."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Right. I think I..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "You would like to go with those..."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I didn't go to the Board of..."

Kahlil Seren stated, "No, I did not attend the Board..."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "You didn't? Okay, then I guess I get to do it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If you would please."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Okay. So, I ask City Council members to approve BZA Calendar Number 3406. BZA Cal. No. 3406: Stephen B. Stone, 2350 Ardleigh Drive, to permit a driveway to be set back 0 feet from the side line property."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "The resolution providing this Stephen Stone at 2350 Ardleigh Drive passes this Calendar Number. You have 30 days and it's approved."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "The next one I believe we decided to table."

Mayor Stephens stated, "That is correct. Do we need to vote on the table?"

Tom Raguz stated, "I don't believe so."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, so without... we'll consider...and there is one resolution?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "So now we do have a resolution, which is Resolution Number 71-2016 authorizing the City Manager to enter agreement with Silverlode Consulting Corporation to provide additional called holding services related to the Top of the Hill Development and declaring an emergency. Just by way of history, the City Manager selected Silverlode to provide consulting services relating to the City's request for qualifications concerning the potential development the Top of the Hill site and these services are set forth in the professional services agreement dated April 7, 2016 which is on file with the Clerk of Court and we're not to exceed \$50,000. That all went well, so the legislation will authorize the City Manager to execute an additional agreement with Silverlode Consulting Corporation to provide additional professional consulting services relating to the development and the compensation for the additional services detailed in the proposed agreement shall not exceed \$25,000 without additional written approval by the City Manager. So, I ask my colleagues on Council to join me in voting in favor of this resolution and I move. So moved."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: Seren

Tom Raguz stated, "Five ayes and one nay, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next are there any comments you would like to make, Councilwoman Dunbar?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes, I would like to. As usual, there are just an amazing number of wonderful attractions coming our way and I just wanted to mention a couple. Next, this coming weekend Bike Cleveland is sponsoring a big thing for three days September 9-11 called NeoCycle and it's the nation's largest urban cycling festival. So, anybody that is interested in biking at all should head to Edgewater Park and participate in just an amazing array of activities that're going on down there.

Another one coming up on Sunday, September 11 is the Ride for Miles. Miles Coburn was a resident of Cleveland Heights who was killed while riding his bicycle and this is an annual memorial for him and also raises funds for Environmental Studies at John Carroll University. So, you can go on the web for Ride for Miles to learn about that.

The heights... Cleveland Heights Heritage Tour is coming up on September... Sunday, September 18 and this is the 39th anniversary of this event and I encourage people to take advantage of that and you can even do it by bicycle if you want for a discounted price. Ride your bicycle right up to the door of these places.

Also on that day just to keep us all busy is shredding day in Cleveland Heights from 9:00 to noon and that is always a very popular event if you want to get rid of your events and finally I would like to say we have a rare opportunity on Saturday, September 17 to visit a sewer facility in our area from 9:00 to 4:00 and given what's happening with the increase in sewer costs and all the efforts to deal with the Clean Water Act and so on. This is - they're making it a family event with lots of activities for children, but if you're interested at all in understanding what's happening with your sewer bills, you might want to go to this event and I have a poster about it if anyone's interested. So, those are the things I want to allude to."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Coming Attractions."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next we move to Public Safety and Health Committee. Councilman Seren."

Report of the Public Safety and Health Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. First I move that we approve Resolution Number 72-2016 ratifying the City Manager's acceptance on behalf of the city of Cleveland Heights Fire Department for staffing for adequate fire and emergency response or SAFER grant for Fiscal Year 2015 grant program from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$591,435 and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 72-2016 passes. Next we have another Resolution in Public Safety and Health."

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. I move that we approve Resolution Number 73-2016 amending Resolution Number 137-2015 to add on-street overnight permit parking on specified portions of Hampshire Road and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, if you would call the roll without all the street addresses."

Tom Raguz stated, "I was planning on doing that, Mayor."

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes. Councilman Seren, is there anything else you'd like to share with us this evening?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Not tonight, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we have Administrative Services Committee. I know this is yours Councilwoman Roe."

Report of the Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes, it is. I move Ordinance Number 74-2016. This is an ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances and these are pages

that reflect updates and other laws that impact this particular ordinances of our code, so that's what this is about."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. There's nothing else in Administrative Service's section this week."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Would you like to make a comment?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes. I would like to remind people that the next Administrative Services Committee meeting is September 20 at 5:30."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. If that's all, then we move to Community Relations and Recreation. Vice Mayor Stein."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we have the Finance Committee. Councilman Ungar."

Report of the Finance Committee

Councilman Ungar stated, "Yes, thank you, Mayor. The first item I have is Resolution Number 75-2016. After approving the report of the Assessment Equalization Board which was appointed to hear objections to the estimated assessments for the portions of expense relating to improvement of certain streets and parkways including the grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, repairing, etc. and likewise including snow removal, planting, maintaining and removing shade trees within our City. I would move approval."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do we have a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

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

Councilman Ungar stated, "Thank you, Mayor. Next is 76-2016(F); a resolution that approves the report of the Assessment Equalization Board appointed to hear objections to the estimated assessments for a portion of the expense of street lighting within our City. I move approval."

Councilwoman Dunbar and Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 76-2016 passes. Mr. Ungar, would you move with the next one?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Yes, 77-2016(F) is an ordinance determining to proceed with the assessment of the portion of the expense of improvement of certain streets and parkways including grading, draining, curbing, paving, etc., snow removal, removing shade trees and levying assessments for that stated... those stated purposes of approval."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Ordinance 77-2016 passes and we move to the next one, Councilman Ungar."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Yes, 78-2016 and I promise I will not include in the reference all of the various lots and lands indicated in the pink sheets that we that we received. This is an ordinance determining to proceed with the assessment of a portion of the expense of street lighting within the City of Cleveland Heights again as set forth in the more detailed information and levying assessments for that purpose, and I move approval."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Ordinance Number 77-2016 passes. Mr. Ungar, would you read the next one?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Yes, this is 79-2016(F); a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying such levies to the County Fiscal Officer and I would move approval of that resolution, Mayor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 79-2016 passes. Next, Councilman Ungar, I believe this is your last resolution of the evening."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Yes, good news for all of you. The last resolution I have is 80-2016(F); a resolution requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from the proceeds of the 2016 tax year collection pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code. Once again, I move approval."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Resolution Number 80-2016 passes. Councilman Ungar, is there anything else?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "That's enough for one night."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you so."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Thank you."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stephens stated, "I want to thank the residents of Cleveland Heights for working with us through the microburst that happened in this community. A couple of weeks ago that microburst was an added a set of words to our vocabularies. We didn't know what one was before. Our Police, Fire and Public Works staff worked tirelessly. I want to recognize them publicly on behalf of my colleagues and myself for working very hard on behalf of all of us. As the kids would say, they represented really well. It's important to understand that some of those folks got up at 4:00 in the morning and were at their trucks, cars and vehicles working and circling the community from that hour on and basically went home for four to six hours of sleep and came back again. So, we're very appreciative of the work they did for us and their willingness to come in.

On a brighter side and on a more positive side, the mayors of the 30 largest cities are working to collaborate on ways to work with state government to encourage state government to be more friendly financially to our communities. So we will begin to work together as soon as our or our organizations pay dues into this organization. That is pretty important to us because of the loss of proceeds from the local government fund and we're hoping to find by lobbying members of the state legislature who don't have cities like Cleveland Heights in them to be more understanding of the needs of urban and suburban settings where we have some of the largest employment bases and the best educated people in the country. In Cleveland Heights, probably 52% I believe was presented to us recently, 52% of our residents have college degrees and another 27-30% have Master's, so we're a very well educated community and we're very engaged in what makes us a good community and we want to stay on top of those activities.

Last but not least, I always want to thank the residents of this community for being patient with us and understanding what we do and what we try to do on their behalf. An example this evening was

Noble Neighbors coming to us and thanking us for the work we've done over the last six months to make them a stronger neighborhood. We're continuing to work in the individual neighborhoods and communities and as I said to the gentleman who... the woman who asked about our parking activities, we are working on them, and we will get you a solution sooner. Council and staff - that is our job - to work on your behalf. So, with the end of this evening, the Council meeting comes to a close on Monday, September - what is today's date - the sixth? We can come to conclusion at 8:32.

God bless America. God bless Cleveland Heights.”

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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