

City Council for the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, held a Committee Meeting of the Whole on the above date at 6:19 p.m. to discuss the contents of the City Manager's memo.

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

Staff present: Boland, Briley, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Rothenberg, Sabin, Smith, Trupo, Wong

Vice Mayor Yasinow moved to begin 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. Councilman Ungar seconded the motion. Executive Session began at 7:06 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Yasinow moved to end Executive Session and Councilman Ungar seconded.

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

Nays: None

Executive Session ended at 7:20 p.m.

Vice Mayor Yasinow moved to begin a second Executive Session to discuss appointment of a public official. Councilman Ungar seconded the motion. The second Executive Session began at 7:20 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Dunbar moved to end Executive Session and Vice Mayor Yasinow seconded.

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

Nays: None

The second Executive Session ended at 7:25 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:33 p.m., Mayor Roe presiding.

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

Staff present: Boland, Briley, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Rothenberg, Sabin, Smith, Trupo, Wong

Mayor Roe stated, "Good evening, everyone. Welcome to the Cleveland Heights City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Would the Clerk please call the roll?"

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

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven present, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you very much. Everyone's here. Now we have minutes to approve from the regular Council meeting, Monday, February 5 and the Democracy Day held Thursday, January 25. I know I reviewed them and had no corrections. Did anyone else look at the minutes?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I handed in mine already."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay. All right, so those will be approved with no corrections other than maybe Mary had some corrections. Okay, so they'll be approved with those corrections. Personal communications from citizens – if you are wanting to share something with us, this would be the time to come to the podium, introduce yourself with your address please and please limit yourself if you can to three minutes."

Melody Hart stated, "No problem. Melody Hart, 2976 Monmouth Road. I'm here on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Congregations from Cleveland Heights and we have two issues I wanted to raise. One issue I wanted to raise is we understand that we've had some trouble keeping our home inspectors employed here and so we wondered if there was some competitiveness study that could be done of the salary ranges of our housing inspectors to make sure that we're able to keep the best ones here in Cleveland Heights. The second issue was we wanted to encourage you as well to continue to look at the foreclosure bond. We really feel that that's an important move for the city. It will help keep these houses from deteriorating when they're being foreclosed upon. That's all. Thank you."

Carol Roe stated, "So, did you want to respond, Tanisha, to anything?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Well, I was looking for Allan Butler. He's probably in the back, but I'm pretty sure we've had the two inspectors that have left over the last couple of years have retired. So, they didn't resign for other positions. They retired from service with the city after 25 plus years of service. I believe there was a recent retirement, but I can confirm that for you later, Melody, yes."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, thank you. Next. Anyone else?"

Susan Berger stated, "I usually leave this to my husband to do. My name is Susan Berger. I live on Hampshire Road and I wanted to speak to the current Charter Review Commission process and some observations. I went to last Thursday's Charter Review Commission meeting and when I got home, I felt pretty sad, pretty demoralized and discouraged, and as my husband would tell you, if it was up to me, we'd be considering whether this is the community we would stay in. So, I listened and I observed intently and I want to tell you what my takeaways were from my observations. One – there doesn't seem to be the sense of urgency of now. All indications seemed to point to the sense that the process can take as long as it needs, as long as they like, and that meeting any ballot deadlines aren't any

consequence. There also seemed, in the lines of questioning, limited appreciation that our Cleveland Heights realities are far different today than they were at the charter's first writing nearly a century ago and at its last review almost four decades ago. This is reinforced by the message delivered by four of the seven Council members who did report back and respond to the survey and said that they felt that the current system is fine and also reinforced by former Councilperson Dennis Wilcox, but to listen to the majority of questions being asked by the commission, sounded far more like a deposition defending the current Council Manager form of government than one that demonstrated curiosity about what else might work. I was also really troubled to find out that three of the seven Council people have yet to respond to the survey at the deadline requested and I'm trying to understand why that would be. The only conclusion I come to is disinterest, but I want to presume that I'm wrong. What I really think this process deserves from all of us is true curiosity about what different forms of government can do and appreciation that today's world is far different for a city like Cleveland Heights and that this Charter Review process deserves a robust, intentional system to engage community voice. The last point was made by many community members who waited until after 9:00 to speak and stay until 9:45 at night and kudos to the commission members that stayed and listened, but really saying, 'We need there to be a community process; a community voice.' And I would say there's only maybe one or two members of that commission that echoed that belief. So, here's what I want to ask of you, if I'm going to make an ask, is that all of you choose to engage fully in heart and mind, open to the possibilities of new and different ways of doing business here. We may land where we started, but at least this community will see everybody leading with openness and curiosity. Right now, that's not the image we're receiving. My ask of those of you who have yet to reply with your feedback, please do. Please make your voices heard. I ask that you also make clear to this commission that you expect robust community engagement in this process, not just a report-out at the end where community members can come listen, but a real thoughtful way that we hear from our community members. And I ask that you appreciate the urgency of now. The pace of change in this city is painfully slow. We need to find ways to be more agile, facile and bold, more open to change and far less risk averse. It is my opinion that this process and our current government's structure are not made to help us move in these directions. I can't ask that you agree with me as to what the decision ought to be, but I feel well within my rights as a citizen to ask that you demonstrate that you appreciate the passion and voice of our community, understanding their frustrations with current systems and that you help shift the energy of this process to one that demonstrates greater curiosity, greater engagement and greater openness to change."

Mayor Roe stated, "Do any Council members want to respond?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Well, I'll just say the charge to the Charter Review Commission was to be independent, open-minded and conduct the precise, robust dialogue that was suggested very articulately by Sue Berger, so I think the entire Council, we all voted unanimously to endorse the process and that's to say, I think we put in place – I don't mean to sound defensive – I think the Council put together an excellent Charter Review Commission that truly does care deeply and passionately about the community and is doing its best to keep an open mind and explore all possibilities of governance for our community going forward. So, that's what I've seen going on and the fact that some of us have responded to the questionnaires and the way we did means we gave our genuinely held honest belief in

response to the questions that were asked. We didn't craft those questions. They crafted those questions and Emailed then to us and then we answered them. It was as simple as that. There's no end game in mind when we did that. We have members of the Charter Review Commission in the room this evening who I think can attest to that and the fact that, and I can speak only for myself in this regard, the fact that I answered those questions the way I answered them does not mean for a nanosecond that I'm not open to ideas for different forms for governance whether suggested by this Charter Review Commission or otherwise. I've said so many times publicly and I continue to be of that mindset. I am looking forward to – and in terms of the timing, I am keenly aware that there are some including some on this Council that Charter Review Commission should be done with its inquiry by now and there are others that believe that the Charter Review Commission should take the amount of time in its sole discretion it believes it needs to address the issues and the majority view that prevailed was that they would do exactly that, that they would take as long, or as little frankly, recognizing that possibility, time as they needed to get to a point where they are comfortable. We left that solely in their discretion. Council considered, but determined not to set specific deadlines on either issue by issue or on the whole; probably leaving a few of our deliberative processes out in responding, but I very much... look, Sue Berger and her husband, Bob Brown, are exactly the kinds of citizens that this community wants and needs and it bothers me greatly when she stands up and says anything is going on in the city that causes her to think about leaving because that would be a disaster for the city to lose people like Sue and Bob. In full disclosure, they happen to be very good friends of mine too. So, I mean I'd cry if they left the city and I'm disappointed to hear that that's the takeaway from last week's Charter Review Commission meeting. I wasn't there. I didn't see it. I watched some of it, but not all of it, on video and I don't mean to... if I sounded defensive of the committee, I don't mean to be. I'm trying to be slightly defensive of the process that lead to the formation and construction of the committee. That part I'm partly responsible for. I'm not responsible for how the committee is currently running itself and everybody's entitled to their opinions to, whether they're doing it well or poorly or somewhere in between. That's all I have to say about that and thank you very much for being here and for expressing your opinion."

Mayor Roe stated, "Jason."

Councilman Stein stated, "I agree with what Mike said about the process. I agree 100% with that, but as one of them that did not respond to the questionnaire, I have been conflicted about whether to respond or not. The simplistic reason is that I wanted this entire process to be very citizens driven. The Charter Review is going to review the entire charter and then make recommendations as it sees fit to Council to consider to put on the ballot. That means I'm going to be considering it. This entire body will consider it, whatever the Charter Review considers to be appropriate. So, I did not... I chose not to respond because I did not want to sway in any way the Charter Review's objectivity. Those members are looking at me not as a sitting elected official, but as a citizen of the city and I really wanted to keep as much as an open mind for myself and for the participants so that when I receive it, I can really make a determination based on what they presented in front of me instead of me giving a recommendation for some pretty big potential changes to our city involving the form of government

that we have. I did not want to sway the Charter Review members in any way with my recommendations or my personal views.”

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, “I was just going to say, I mean, what I put in the responses I provided are what I think so I don’t think I need to repeat them for anybody that’s read them, but I also said that I’m open to what they come up with. It’s up to them at this point.”

Mayor Roe stated, “Melissa.”

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, “One thing I just would like to add. I’ve seen the Charter Review. I’ve submitted by questionnaire response. I spoke before the Commission. I would just like to take a moment and, I think, I frankly applaud their level of engagement. I found them to be thorough. I applaud the fact that they’ve been, although they can take as long or as little as they would like within their own discretion as they’re a self-guided body, they’re really... they’re meeting every other week as I understand and, you know, for some of those commission members, I understand it’s a real sacrifice. Not everybody has significant amounts of time and yet, they’re making this a priority. I also want to applaud the commission on its transparency. I think they worked very hard on that. They have their meetings in here every other week. They’re videotaped for anybody who wants to see. Anybody can come and speak with the commission. Anybody. And I encourage people to do so. I encourage people to send their thoughts, questions, concerns to the Commission Chair Larry Keller. He does take those and reports it on the commission and I just invite anybody who’s interested in the process to come on in.”

Mayor Roe stated, “Kahlil.”

Councilman Seren stated, “Thank you. Ms. Berger, I wanted to thank you for your words tonight. I think these days, maybe it’s just my experience, but it feels like it’s easier now than it used to be to feel disengaged or disheartened and I’m not immune to that. So, you know, sometimes it feels like what you mentioned tonight feels like an uphill battle sometimes and I know that I’ve felt a little discouraged, but what you said tonight is something that is helping to get me a little bit more encouragement and so I, at this point, I want to encourage you that it’s not disinterest and sort of creating an optimum system here in Cleveland Heights or as close to optimum as we can get and that I will take your words to heart and see what I can do to contribute to this process. I know that we all have... we use the charter and we operate within it and so, our perspective, I think, is valuable in terms of the experience that we have with it and it provides maybe some, you know, real world kind of experience that they wouldn’t necessarily get otherwise. So, I definitely applaud my colleagues who have spoken with them for providing their perspective to this commission and so, I do intend to do the same. It is a little tough for me. Their meetings are Thursday night and I teach a course on Thursday night. So, attending has been difficult, but I will find a way. So, thank you very much for speaking with us tonight.”

Councilwoman Stephens stated, “He said what I would say.”

Liz Rothenberg stated, “Mayor, can I, as the attorney for the commission, I just want to make sure that it’s known to whatever audience is in the room and is watching at home that in addition, as Melissa said, to there being public comment taken at the end of every Charter Review Commission,

that's every two weeks, the first and the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. they're held. They take public comment at the end of every meeting, They've also already voted and decided as a commission they will take extensive public comment before making a final recommendation to Council and the suggestion that there be a public comment heard prior to that period of time was heard by the commission just a few days ago, last Thursday, and they haven't decided yet when or where and whether or not they're going to do that. So, I just wanted to be clear on the record about the public comment that is available already."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you for your comments. I don't know that I have anything in addition to say. So, thank you. Okay."

Barbara Sestowski stated, "I'm Barbara Sestowski, 3863 Northhampton and I wish to thank Mayor Carol Roe and Vice Mayor Melissa Yasinow and Council persons Michael Ungar and Cheryl Stephens for their attendance at the most recent Noble Neighbors meeting on February 6, now celebrating our four year anniversary for working in our North Cleveland Heights community. It especially made my day since, as a beautification team head, and we are coming up to our fourth Noble Neighbors festivity in the spring and this year it's in May and hopefully it won't snow. I received this overwhelming support for the efforts in the guise of Councilman Michael Ungar who would be my point person with Public Works and so, I just wanted to let you that I have two envelopes; one for the City Council to see the plan that I've written up with the team and also one for Public Works as a special copy that I'll do at the cessation of today's meeting. Thank you very much."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you, Barb. Anyone else to share anything with Council this evening? All right. Again, thank you very much for being here. Report of the City Manager."

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

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have two items to report this evening. The first is I would like to request permission to solicit qualifications to developers to develop the Meadowbrook and Lee site and I'd like to make this a Matter of Record."

### **Matter of Record**

Mayor Roe stated, "And so that will be referred to the Planning and Development Committee of Council and Councilwoman Dunbar will address that in her report."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Or now if you choose to do so."

Mayor Roe stated, "Or now? Okay."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "All right. I move that we grant permission to the City Manager to solicit qualifications to develop the Meadowbrook and Lee site. Is there a second?"

Vice Mayor Melissa Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe, "Been moved and seconded that we solicit qualifications to develop the Meadowbrook and Lee site."

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

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, thank you. So, we're very excited to move ahead with another potential development project in Cleveland Heights."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you. The next item is – I would like to notify Council that sealed Bids were received for the 2018 Refuse Disposal Contract #18-02. Base Bids for Landfill Service have been tabulated and reviewed and Rumpke of Northern Ohio, Incorporated's 3-year average Base Bid price of \$15.32 per ton is the lowest and best responsible bid. Alternate A-1 Bids for Transfer Station Relay Service have been tabulated and reviewed and Rumpke of Northern Ohio, Incorporated's 3 year average Alternate A-1 Bid price of \$32.05 per ton is the lowest and best responsible bid. Alternate A-2 Bids for Yard Waste Disposal Service have been rejected due to lack of responsiveness from Bidders; and I would like to make this a Matter of Record. There's no vote on this; just a report."

**Matter of Record**

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you. Do you have any other business to report to us?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Nothing further, Your Honor. Thank you."

Mayor Roe stated, "The Director of Finance/Clerk of Council Report."

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

Laurie Sabin stated, "Nothing to report."

Mayor Roe stated, "No business this evening. Public Safety Report – we are going to have Annual Reports by our Chiefs. I'm not sure. Chief Freeman is going first."

Tanisha Briley stated, "I think you won the thumb wrestle contest."

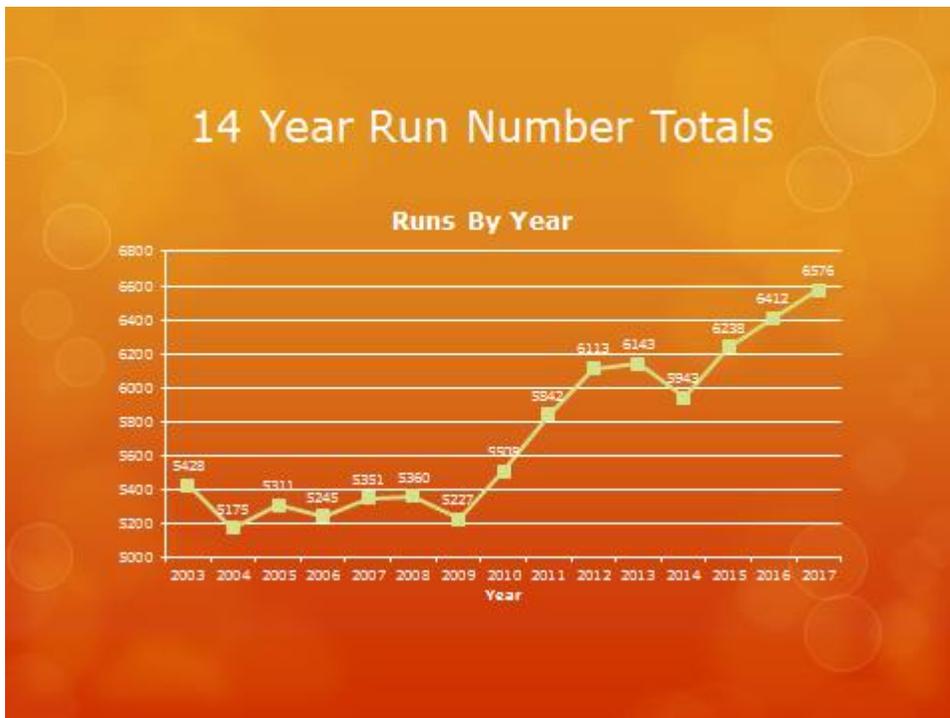
Chief Freeman stated, "What was that?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Did you win the thumb wrestling?"

Chief Freeman stated, "No, I'm good. He set me up with that, so we're good."

**Public Safety Reports**

Chief Freeman gave the following report. "Good evening, Mayor, members of Council, City Manager and staff. I'm here to present our 2017 report. I'm Chief Dave Freeman from the Fire Department. So, we'll move right through it."





## 2017 Call Statistics



- FIRE DATA
  - Emergency Fire Run Count: 1,231 (19% of volume)
  - Emergency Structure Fire Count: 64
  - Emergency Vehicle Fire Count: 8
  
- MEDICAL EMERGENCY DATA
  - Total: 5335 (81% of volume)
  - Medical Calls: 5184
    - Automobile Accidents: 151
    - Advanced Life Support: 1,368
    - Basic Life Support: 3,942
    - Hospital Transports: 3,508



## Fire Prevention Bureau



- Total Completed Fire Inspections: 2061
- Smoke Detectors Distributed: 182
- Classes in fire safety for K-7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Senior safety classes taught at senior apartments
- Participated in Public Safety Night Out with CHPD
- Taught "Hands Only" CPR at Block Parties

## Opioids and overdose information

- Very difficult to accurately track
  - Narcan is given for multiple conditions
  - We can't assume opiate use
  - Hospitals test but we don't see results
- We estimate as many as 50 but only 12 are clearly due to opiates by admission or evidence
- 84 doses of Narcan were administered
- Typical opiate overdose requires multiple doses due to potency of product and inclusion of fentanyl and other drugs
- In perspective, the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner lists 822 deaths in 2017, 1 from Cleveland Heights

## Special Projects

- Completed merger of Hilltech and HASRT (Heights Area Special Rescue Team) into Eastech rescue team
- Completed transition to Heights Hillcrest Communications Center, merging public safety communications for Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid and University Heights Police and Fire into a single space at Metro Facility on Severance Circle
- Participating in area group to discuss common protocols, operating/response procedures for Heights/Hillcrest area fire departments
- Completed testing process for new Lieutenants and Fire Inspector



## Notable Achievements



- Millions in property saved due to quick response and cutting edge tactics used by our firefighting teams
- Numerous saves by our squad crews
- Received a grant from Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to purchase new technology fire hoods which filter cancer causing
- Entered agreement with Horton Ambulance to purchase new ambulance, delivery in March 2018
- Completed bid process to purchase new fire hose and nozzles to replace aging equipment, delivery in early 2018.
- Partnership with CCC started a new vocational education program with Heights High focusing on fire and EMS training



## Future Plans



- Continue to evaluate use of common protocols and operating procedures with area fire/EMS departments
- Continue to refine department training to increase cross shift consistency
- Investigate possibility of new reporting software for fire and EMS
- Finish process of becoming Cuyahoga County Ready Certified
- Develop new automatic aid districts to increase response with joint dispatch partners
- Give tests for Battalion Chief in anticipation of openings
- Continue to deliver high level service with increased efficiency
- Evaluate calls for service to form strategies to reduce the same
  - For example, fall prevention program



## Conclusion



- The level of service provided by the members of the department is second to none.
- Our partnership with city administration and the residents has been very valuable and the feedback we receive is used to make improvements.
- Thank You for allowing us to serve the city!

Mayor Roe stated, “Thank you for your report. Do any Council people have questions other than me? So, thank you Chief. I want to just follow up on an issue that we’ve talked about in the past relating to the diversity of our firefighters and firepersons and do you have anything to share with us in terms of...?”

Chief Freeman stated, “We’ve actually increased the diversity quite a bit in the last few years with females and with ethnicities. So, it’s kind of happened by accident. I can’t claim any credit for it. The truth of the matter is that I’ve studied it extensively. I actually have a binder that’s like three inches thick on Civil Service and I’m going to talk more about that with them. The problem we run into is that the programs are not turning out diversity. So, we’re limited by those programs as they come out of paramedic school and out of fire school. It’s a problem and I don’t really know what the answer is. I had a college professor and I did a Master’s Degree assignment and I told him I was going to look at the diversity issue and he told me if I solved it, we’d both be rich. So, that’s how widespread it is. It’s really nationwide and it’s actually, if you look at it, it’s becoming a little bit worse because we don’t even have the numbers implying that we used to.”

Mayor Roe stated, “It is a concern in all health professions and the Institute of Medicine has addressed it in terms of it is a problem nationwide that our care force does not reflect our population. So, it continues to be a goal.”

Chief Freeman stated, “Yeah, absolutely.”

Mayor Roe stated, “Oh, Mary, you wanted to say?”

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I just wanted to say I had occasion to call EMS a couple of times several months ago and they did an excellent job. So, you can feel very happy to be living in this community close to hospitals and excellent EMS provider."

Chief Freeman stated, "Thank you, ma'am, appreciate it."

Mayor Roe stated, "And my second question had to do with the fall prevention program. I was intrigued by that and wondered if you had adequate resources in terms of?"

Chief Freeman stated, "I'm looking at the hospitals for partnerships because I have connections through every hospital system that we use – University, Cleveland Clinic and Metro – so I'm trying to get those resources together and I actually had someone reach out to me coincidentally involving the same subject just recently."

Mayor Roe stated, "Yeah, because almost every acute care institution is under the gun now to develop some kind of fall prevention program. So, is that something that you're working with the people that we see on a regular basis at our Senior Center?"

Chief Freeman stated, "That's the intent of focus."

Mayor Roe stated, "That's the intent. Okay."

Chief Freeman stated, "Exactly. Them and also their families. So, that's a big part of it and that was actually a suggestion by the City Manager when we talked about it. So, I'd like to develop, you know, not only some programs that we can go out and present, but also some literature that we can give out when we go to a home where there's been a fall. We can give it to the family and to the person involved."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, thank you very much."

Chief Freeman stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Roe stated, "Chief Mecklenburg."

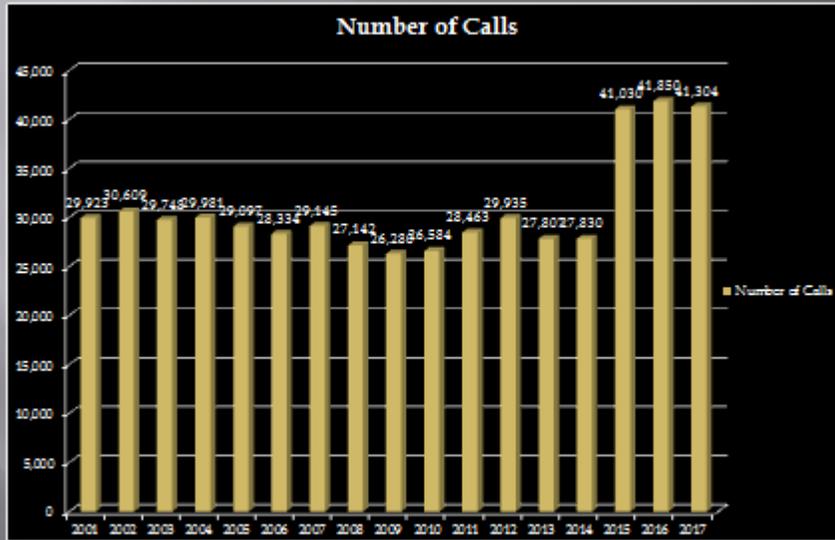
Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Mayor, members of Council, City Manager Ms. Briley, thank you for allowing me to speak tonight and give you some updates over what happened with the Police Department in 2017." Chief Mecklenburg gave the following presentation.

# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

### 2017 POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

☐ Chief	1
☐ Captain	4
☐ Lieutenant	4
☐ Sergeant	9
☐ Patrol Officer	54
☐ Basic Patrol Officer	33
☐ Frozen Positions	4
☐ Total	109



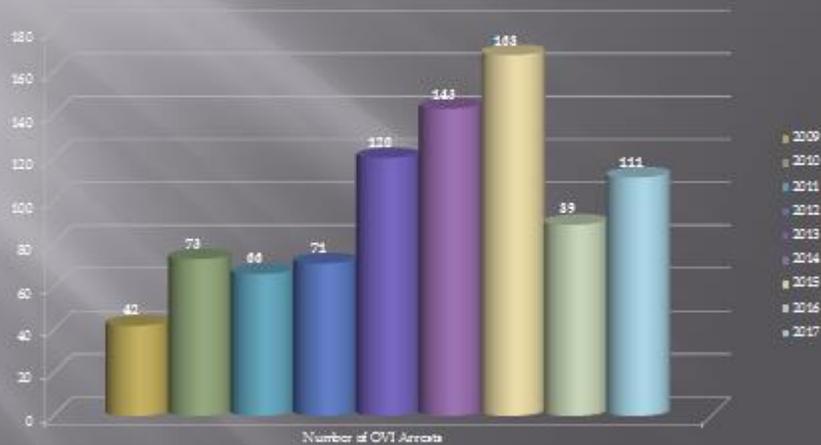
## ANIMAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

▣ ANIMAL AT LARGE	513
▣ ANIMAL BITES	28
▣ ANIMAL COMPLAINT/MISC	277
▣ BARKING DOG	123

## MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Year	<u>Motor Vehicle Accidents</u>	<u>MVA-Bicycle Involved</u>	<u>MVA-Pedestrian Involved</u>
2012	1187	3	22
2013	1210	4	22
2014	1044	13	23
2015	1345	8	18
2016	1393	7	19
2017	978	10	10

## OVI ARRESTS



## CRIME RATES FOR CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
2011	1	7	102	33	318	1051	100	0
2012	0	14	113	50	320	1359	83	7
2013	2	6	97	42	255	1236	78	4
2014	2	10	55	37	187	923	116	2
2015	3	8	53	33	128	826	90	1
2016	3	9	83	55	117	782	98	4
2017	2	16	79	34	125	657	99	1

## ARRESTS

- 2017 ARRESTS
  - 1489 PHYSICAL ARRESTS
  - 2159 BOOKED INTO JAIL
  
- 2016 ARRESTS
  - 1411 PHYSICAL ARRESTS
  - 2067 BOOKED INTO JAIL

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

- ❑ WEEKLY MEET YOUR POLICE MEETINGS
- ❑ NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS
- ❑ SAFETY TOWN
- ❑ BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAMS
- ❑ ALICE TRAINING
- ❑ POLICE NAVIDAD
- ❑ 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
- ❑ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
- ❑ SEMINARS AT SENIOR CENTER

## CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM

- ❑ STAFFED BY ONE SERGEANT / THREE DETECTIVES / ONE BPO
- ❑ WORK IN PLAIN CLOTHES
- ❑ UTILIZE COMMAND CENTRAL FOR CRIME ANALYSIS
- ❑ SINCE JANUARY 2012, OVER 140 SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED
- ❑ 85 ARRESTS IN 2017

## REGIONALIZATION

- ❑ EASTSIDE DEPARTMENTS GROUP ENFORCEMENT - SWAT TEAM
- ❑ MOBILE FIELD FORCE
- ❑ HEIGHTS HILLCREST COMMUNICATION CENTER (HHCC)
- ❑ ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT (2018)

## JUVENILE DIVERSION

- ❑ MISSION STATEMENT
- ❑ OUR MISSION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-JUVENILE DIVISION IS TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE ALTERNATIVE TO STATUS/UNRULY AND FIRST TIME OFFENDERS. THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHILD ALONG WITH HIS/HER FAMILY TO CORRECT SELF-DEFEATING, LIFE ALTERING BEHAVIORS IN LIEU OF AN OFFICIAL REFERRAL TO THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM.

## JUVENILE DIVERSION

- ▣ INV. FALISA BERRY
- ▣ ASST. LAW DIRECTOR TIFFANY HILL
- ▣ 42 REFERRALS FROM JUVENILE COURT IN 2017 (101 referrals in 2016)
- ▣ FIRST TIME OFFENDER
- ▣ NON-VIOLENT OFFENDER
- ▣ TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFENSE
- ▣ PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION
- ▣ SIGNED CONSENT FORM

## CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE ACADEMY

- ▣ COMPLETED 44TH YEAR OF OPERATION
- ▣ BI-ANNUAL CCW TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS
- ▣ CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY
  - 4TH GRADUATING CLASS
  - 5th CLASS FALL OF 2018
  - RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN A WIDE ARRAY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SKILL AREAS
  - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
  - PROVIDES INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO PD

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ PRECINCT 3 – CRT BUILDING
- ❑ 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR PARTICIPATION IN PILOT PROGRAM – DOG WATCHERS WATCH
- ❑ AFIS TRAINING – ADDED 4<sup>TH</sup> OFFICER
- ❑ FACEBOOK/NEXT DOOR
- ❑ 4TH ANNUAL SAFETY FORCES NIGHT
- ❑ CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
  - IN 2016 – 11 HOURS REQUIRED
  - IN 2017 – 20 HOURS REQUIRED
  - IN 2018 – NO HOURS REQUIRED

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ PURCHASE OF DASH CAMS/PORTABLES
- ❑ AAA PLATINUM TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD
- ❑ MADD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
- ❑ OHIO COLLABORATIVE
  - USE OF FORCE (2017)
  - EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND HIRING (2017)
  - BODY WORN CAMERAS (2018)
  - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (2018)
  - TELECOMMUNICATIONS( 2018)

Mayor Roe stated, “So, what, tell me more about the standards in terms of employee recruitment and hiring. What kinds of things does that address?”

Chief Mecklenburg stated, “It addresses kind of the way that we do it, what steps we take for hiring, you know, the interview process, the background, the psychological assessment, the physical

assessment. It does all that and then it also looks at our recruiting. So, we kind of report to them the different places that we've done recruiting. So, we'll go to college campuses. We'll go to Police Academies. We're always looking for places where we can go to recruit officers for our Police Department."

Mayor Roe stated, "And I would imagine you have the same kind of challenges that Chief Freeman alluded to in terms of places to recruit that would help us in terms of diversity."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yes. I mean, obviously, overall the applicant pool is down, but our minority applicant pool is down. I think that's something that a lot of departments are dealing with. So, we're always looking for ways and again, we're in the process of reviewing that to see what we can do to make ourselves more attractive or what we can do to get more people to apply. So, we are reviewing our current policies and procedures for hiring and our requirements to see if some things may need to be revised."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I was going to say I was asked to go sort of judge the technical training programs at the Heights High which are collaborative between Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights and I think Warrensville Heights; University Heights of course, and they did have a police component to that, learning the basics. Are you involved with that at all?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "We haven't had a lot of involvement. You know, Heights High does have a Criminal Justice program. It's run by Johnnie Lemons and I have talked to him and I have expressed interest too as far as having his students even do, I don't know if they do internships or like a senior project, and I've encouraged him and I will reach out to him again this year to consider us for that, you know, to have them. There's things that they can come here at the Police Department, come and meet us. We'll show them what we do and they can learn about it while gaining some more knowledge about the law enforcement field. So, that is something that we're exploring and we'll see how that goes."

Mayor Roe stated, "Any other questions or comments for the Chief? Kahlil."

Councilman Seren stated, "Just jumping back to something you said about the Juvenile Diversion Program. So, I know that correlation doesn't equal causation and I don't know necessarily the individuals involved in the referral process, but you mentioned that the referral process shifted from being initiated by intake officers and to now being done by prosecutors and that corresponded with a 60% drop in referrals. I'm wondering – is there something concerning there? Is there a conflict of philosophy maybe? I'm just curious about that."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "You know, it was something that I just discovered as I was putting this all together. So, I was talking to Investigator Berry and it's something that we are going to look into because we don't necessarily think that there is a... might not be a correlation. It just might be what occurred; maybe it's the, you know, the types of crimes that qualify. Again, you know, there's only certain crimes that qualify. Maybe we didn't have enough. The prosecutors look and they see is this something that should be prosecuted or something that should be referred to the diversion level. So,

you know, we only deal with only the kids here in Cleveland Heights. So, it might be just it's a slower year or the crimes, but when she did bring me the stats, it was something that we are going to look into further."

Councilman Seren stated, "Thanks."

Mayor Roe stated, "Any other questions, comments from Councilmembers? Thank you very much, Chief."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Thank you. Should you have any questions after reading that, please feel free."

Mayor Roe stated, "We appreciate the good work that your department does as well as the Fire Department. So, moving to committee reports, first is Community Relations and Recreation Committee. Councilman Stein, I understand that you are yielding to Councilwoman Yasinow."

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

Councilman Stein stated, "Yes, the Vice Mayor."

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much. This is Resolution Number 8-2018; a Resolution supporting the Ohio Fairness Act; and declaring an emergency. Whereas, the Ohio House of Representatives is currently considering House Bill 160, the Ohio Fairness Act; and this Ohio Fairness Act would amend Ohio's anti-discrimination laws to include sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression as protected classes, expanding legal protections in housing, employment, and access to public services; and whereas, the City of Cleveland Heights historically has been a community that values and seeks diversity in its residents and is committed to anti-discrimination laws; and frankly has been for quite a long history including but not limited to establishing the first domestic partner registry in the State of Ohio; I hereby proffer Resolution Number 8-2018 for consideration this night in support of the Ohio Fairness Act."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe stated, "It's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion?"

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "I just wanted to first off thank Councilman Stein for letting me introduce this resolution. What happened was – the other week I was approached by Equality Ohio to join other communities in support of HB 160. One thing that Cleveland Heights has always valued is its diversity, but what we're also really seeing for the first time ever is that protecting LGBT Ohioans is not just good for who we are as a community, but it's also good for business. One thing that makes this Ohio Fairness Act different from legislation that's been previously introduced is that it is being backed by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and it is being backed by the business, basically the Greater Cleveland Partnership, the business associations and Ohio's major three cities, Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati and we are urging our state representatives to do what is right for Ohio; to do what we can to make

Ohio competitive across the nation for all these companies to say, 'Yes, we do want to move here.' So, I urge the passage of Resolution Number 8-2018 tonight in support of the Ohio Fairness Act."

Mayor Roe stated, "Any other discussion? Kahlil?"

Councilman Seren stated, "I just want to thank all of you for considering this. You know, back in 2015 as I was with my mom and my step-mom celebrating the Obergefell decision, I was carrying a sign. We were down there celebrating by Cleveland City Hall and I was carrying a sign that said, 'You can still be fired in Ohio for being gay,' and so I... this is a fight that we just keep fighting and I just want to express my appreciation to this Council for supporting House Bill 160. I assume, I hope we'll be voting to support House Bill 160. So, that's all I wanted to say. Thank you."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, so could the...?"

Laurie Sabin stated, "Yes, ma'am."

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

Nays: None

**Resolution Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you. Did you have anything else to share with us, Councilman Stein?"

Councilman Stein stated, "No, it's late. Continue."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, Finance Committee. Do you have anything for us?"

**Report of the Finance Committee**

Councilman Stein stated, "I do. On first reading for Council to consider the issue further is Resolution Number 9-2018; a resolution that acknowledges receipt from the Cedar Lee SID of a Plan for public services and improvements, and returning said Plan to the Board of Directors without comments or recommendations for changes; and declaring an emergency. And this is first reading, so there is no vote."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, thank you very much. Municipal Services. Councilwoman Yasinow."

**Report of the Municipal Services Committee**

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much. First I have Resolution Number 10-2018 this evening. This is a resolution authorizing the Ohio Department of Transportation to replace the existing signals on Mayfield Road from Warrensville Center Road to Kenilworth; and declaring an emergency. Yeah, I put this forth for passage this evening."

Mayor Roe stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe stated, "It's been moved and seconded. Could we... any discussion? Could we have the roll call please?"

Laurie Sabin stated, "Yes, ma'am."

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

Nays: None

**Resolution Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "The motion has passed. Moving on to the next item."

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "Mayor, I move to substitute the previously circulated Number 11-2018 with Ordinance Number 11-2018 which was circulated at the Committee of the Whole meeting tonight."

Councilman Ungar stated, "I second the motion to substitute."

Mayor Roe stated, "Any discussion? It's been moved and seconded that we substitute. Would you call the roll please?"

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

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much. I have Ordinance Number 11-2018 for first reading only. This is an ordinance approving the plan of operation and governance for the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council Electricity Aggregation Program for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing an electricity aggregation program; and declaring an emergency. First reading only."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you very much. Do you have anything else to share with us?"

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "Two things. One happy, one not so happy. Just to move things along, first I will be participating in a giant Bananagrams tournament this Saturday to raise funds for Lake Erie Ink. For all who can attend, please do so. It promises to be a fun time and although this might

be mentioned in the Mayor's Report, I would be remiss if I did not mention yet another mass shooting in the United States that happened between our last public meeting and this one in which 17 individuals lost their lives needlessly to gun violence. This is unfortunately something that is happening with horrifying frequency. I remember when we had the Democracy Day meeting frankly not long ago. We were at that Democracy Day meeting being told from citizens their concerns about the last public school shooting that took place in Kentucky and there's apparently already a new one for us to consider and grieve. So, I just want us to be very well aware of what is happening in our society and our country. That is all."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you. Councilperson Seren."

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

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Madam President. You know, this is related to Vice President Yasinow's statement about the mass shooting. I know this is something that is weighing on our entire country and us no less than anyone else I guess and I wanted to... each of these mass shootings is a tragedy and I just, I feel the need to point out that the mass shootings are punctuations on sort of a gun culture that we have in this country that is not replicated anywhere else, not really. And, you know something, we don't often focus on these things in the same ways, but people are dying all the time in gun violence. Just recently, you know, and this actually struck me in particular, I mean, you know, a Cleveland.com article about a shoot-out and this is involving an AK-47 apparently, you know, an actual automatic rifle, and this is 2,500 feet from our border around the corner of Euclid and Superior. This is not something that is so distant. This is happening all the time and we got these mass shootings that we are refusing to deal with and we got gun violence in this country that we are refusing to deal with and it is more than frustrating that we don't have the collective will to find solutions that other nations have found. And I just want to point out that, you know, everybody will point to the fact that yes, AK-47s, automatic rifles are already illegal. No new laws will blah, blah, blah, but I want to point out that there are no gun manufacturing facilities in East Cleveland. These things are made somewhere. Most of the guns that are being used in violent crimes are legally created. These things aren't create in some black market facility somewhere. They're created in manufacturing facilities that are operating legally and we don't have sufficient regulation on the creation, sale, transport or ownership of firearms to protect us. Our regulations aren't doing a good job. So, I just felt the need to say that and I have nothing else to report."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Stephens stated, "Could I speak? I don't have a committee."

Mayor Roe stated, "Yes, I know. I was going to get to you at the end, but go ahead."

Councilwoman Stephens stated, "I'll wait until then."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay."

**Report of the Planning and Development Committee**

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Is it my turn?"

Mayor Roe stated, "Yes, I was going to call on the City Manager before I called on you to introduce our guest this evening."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. Tonight we have with us Darren Kitner who's General Counsel with Flaherty & Collins and Flaherty & Collins, as you know, is the developer that we partnered with to develop the amazing and catalytic project to be built hopefully starting later this year at the Top of the Hill site. So, Darren is with us in the audience."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you for coming all the way from Indianapolis to be with us this evening. You can stay there. You're good. So, Councilwoman Dunbar."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes, okay, so tonight I have two pieces of legislation and the first one is on second reading. So, we will be voting on this tonight. It's Ordinance Number 7-2018 and this is an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with F & C Development, Inc.; and declaring an emergency. And this is basically Top of the Hill development agreement that we have with Flaherty & Collins and are looking forward to moving forward on development of the plan for Top of the Hill. So, I encourage my fellow Councilmembers to join me in voting for this legislation."

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

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe stated, "Is there any discussion other than we're thrilled?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "So, if I might, I'm thrilled, but I think our City Manager captured very well when she referred to this as an amazing opportunity and I think you said catalytic opportunity for our city. I'm incredibly enthusiastically in favor. I do want to mention, however, that which was mentioned in the Committee of the Whole meeting which is, and I have the commitment of our staff and I very much appreciate that, that in response to some concerns from folks in the Cedar Fairmount business district that our staff working with Mr. Kitner and his team at Flaherty & Collins and the merchants and in our beloved Cedar Fairmount business district. We are going to come up with a specific parking plan during what will understandably be a very disruptive process as construction takes place; come up with a plan that's acceptable to all in addressing parking issues during that disruptive phase. And I also, I just want to mention I know there are a number of people who attended that community forum back in October, some leaving very happy, but some leaving a little bit frustrated that the design professionals who were up there weren't able to really let it go and let it flow in terms of what they are thinking about as this project evolves and I know I have heard from a number of those constituents and I know a number of those people have. So, I'm looking forward to the open community process where there's an exchange and I know that was referenced during the Committee of the Whole

meeting and I'm very much appreciative of the iterative process that is going to happen as a consequence of that. I'm deeply grateful to you and your colleagues for your enthusiastic support of Cleveland Heights. I look forward to get it going."

Mayor Roe stated, "So, does anybody have anything different to say than what Councilman Mike summarized for us just now?"

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "I have one very fast comment. Some people have said that – expressed concern about Cleveland Heights – that we're not moving forward; that we're not fast enough; that we can't handle doing two things; that we can't walk and chew gum at the same time. I would say that I've always disagreed with that, but I think that what you're seeing here tonight, what we're considering tonight – we already authorized our City Manager with our Economic Development team to issue, to solicit qualifications for the development of the Lee Meadowbrook site. Tonight you're seeing us authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with F&C Development for the rebirth, the renaissance of the Top of the Hill. You're going to be seeing us at our next resolution about entering into a loan agreement with a beloved local business and its expansion and that is just one of many such legislation that has been before us in the past few months. Cleveland Heights is moving. It is developing. It is progressing with, I believe, just a phenomenal staff headed by Tim Boland, head of our Economic Development, our City Manager Tanisha Briley, our Vice City Manager Susanna Niermann O'Neil. You're seeing everybody working real hard together as a team to move this city forward and I look forward to continuing to show the world how Cleveland Heights can indeed walk and chew gum."

Mayor Roe stated, "So, I would ask the Clerk to call the roll."

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

                  Nays:   None

**Ordinance Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you. It's passed. It's moving. Move on."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "It's come a long way. We've still got a lot of work to do, but it's going to be wonderful."

Mayor Roe stated, "So, go on to our next."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes, so Melissa has already presaged my announcement, but anyway, I have Resolution Number 12-2018. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Mr. Brisket, Inc., for a commercial revolving loan under the City's Economic Development Loan Fund Program for expansion and renovations; and declaring an emergency. And basically, what's going on here is that Mr. Brisket has been a very successful business for many years

providing meat products and recently have expanded now to offer sandwiches and an expanded line of food products. So, they need more space to accommodate that business and their growth. So, we're going to try to help. We're going to help them with a loan to move ahead. So, I encourage my fellow City Councilmembers to join me for voting for this resolution."

Mayor Roe stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe stated, "It has been moved and seconded. Is there any other discussion? Would the Clerk call the roll please?"

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

Nays:   None

### **Ordinance Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "The motion has passed. Do you have anything else to share with us?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I do. You know, there's always a lot of meetings going on in our city. There's going to be the State of the Schools on tomorrow night actually. The Police Academy graduates, the Citizens Police Academy graduates are working with the Police on an end of watch to recognize one of our Police officers who long ago gave his life in service of this community. The swim cadets at the high school are getting out there and swimming night after night, but the one I would really like to encourage people to consider going to if they can and if they have the interest is on Tuesday night, February 27 at, well, you can arrive at 5:00, but presentation starts at 5:30. It's a discussion of the Mayfield Corridor multi-modal plan and I think it's important that people go to that meeting to encourage NOACA and the communities involved in that study which basically goes to the communities east of us on Mayfield to incorporate alternative modes of transportation into their planning so that there's accommodation for bicyclists, pedestrians, buses and so on and those voices need to be heard. So, I would encourage people to attend that if they possibly can and are interested."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, thank you. I just want to reinforce the State of the School Address tomorrow evening. I think that as we look at what is happening with our schools and what to carry forward in terms of collaboration, this is a good opportunity for our citizens. So, Councilperson Ungar."

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

Councilman Ungar stated, "Yes, so I've got a couple of things for Administrative Services this evening. The first thing is, and it's a matter of personal privilege that I move that we appoint Alex Pesta, whom a number of us know, terrific guy, long-time resident of Cleveland Heights, to the Recreation Advisory Board. We have all of his biographical information in the packets and anybody in the audience can see it, you know. We all have it here."

Mayor Roe stated, "So, you have several appointments. Can we do one motion?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "I was just told. I was just checking and talking and I was told that I have to do that one first and then I will do both CACs together."

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

Councilman Ungar stated, "So, I move the appointment of Alex Pesta to the Recreation Advisory Board."

Councilwoman Stephens stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe stated, "It's been moved and seconded. Could we call the roll please?"

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

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, so we have appointed someone to the Recreation Board. Now you have a motion about CAC I understand."

Councilman Ungar stated, "I have two individuals who I would move to that we appoint to the CAC; one of whom I have the privilege of knowing personally and Andre Witt, the other Brittany Rabb whom I do not know, but others on Council speak very, very highly of her. So, I hereby move the appointment of Andre Witt and Brittany Rabb to the CAC."

Councilwoman Stephens stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe stated, "It's been moved and seconded that we appoint these two individuals to the CAC. Would you call the roll please?"

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

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

Mayor Roe stated, "Okay, the motion has passed. We have appointment of all these people and you have a piece of... you have a resolution."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Right, last, but certainly not least, I have Resolution Number 13-2018. This is a resolution establishing standing committees of Council and outlining each committee's general responsibilities by subject matter; and declaring an emergency. Those that know me know I usually do not read from what I call the pink sheets which are the full resolution materials. However,

because this represents a bit of modification in the constitution of the Council Committees, I thought I would just briefly go over what the committee structures [are] going to look like from here on out, at least in this City Council. First we have the Administrative Services Committee which will be responsible for the following areas: Administrative Code, Affirmative Action & Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, Board & Commission Appointments, Charter Review, Salaries & Benefits, and those otherwise assigned by Mayor/President of Council. Second is Recreation, Community & External Relations Committee. That will include Community Relations, Heights Community Congress, Office on Aging, Public Relations, Recreation Programs, School Relationships, Workforce Development, and again, otherwise assigned by Mayor/President of Council. I'll dispense that last part. It applies to all of these. I won't continue to read it. Finance Committee includes Appropriations, Assessment Programs, Bond Issues, Budget, Contractual Service Agreements, Levies, Municipal Court Budget Review, Notes, Equipment & Capital Improvements, Parking Rates & Regulations. Housing & Transportation Committee includes Building & Commercial Code, Housing Code Enforcement, Housing Inspections, Housing Programs, Signs & Signals, Traffic & Transportation. Safety & Municipal Services Committee includes Forestry, Public Properties, Refuse & Leaf Collection, Solid Waste Disposal, Streets, Sewers, Lighting, Animal Control, Health Services, Police & Fire Protection, and Safety Education. And last but not least, Planning and Development Committee – our CDBG Program through our CAC, Economic Development, Physical Planning, Public Construction, and Zoning Code. Those are the newly constituted committees assuming this resolution passes and I applaud the effort on behalf of the Mayor and our staff in coming up with these and hopefully, I move approval and look forward to having these approved."

Mayor Roe stated, "Is there a second?"

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Roe stated, "It's been move and seconded. We pass this resolution. Would the Clerk call the roll?"

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

Nays: None

### **Resolution Passed**

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Roe stated, "Thank you. The Chair would like to recognize Councilperson Stephens."

Councilwoman Stephens stated, "I listened as my colleagues briefly a few minutes ago talked about gun violence in this country. It is time for Americans to step up and tell our federal legislators that we want control of how guns are allowed to be purchase and how the materials such as the stocks and the bullets, thank you, bump stocks. Obviously, I don't do anything with guns. So, the reality is that we must control these things, that not only the sale of the gun, but the sale of the amenities that go with it must be controlled. We have lost far too many children in a sacrifice for an amendment that wasn't

meant to cover every form of gun in this country. Just today, in Ohio, a child took a gun to school in Jackson, Ohio. He fired it in the bathroom by mistake, shot himself in the foot or the leg. This is a community just south of Akron. The reality is it could have been in the classroom because it was in a bag that nobody checked and there could have been several children shot by that. We must have better control of these dangerous arms. I applaud the children in Florida who have gone to Tallahassee to tell their legislators that the State of Florida must do better and the young people who went on television beginning Sunday and communicated with other forms of media from that town in Florida to tell everyone we must pay better attention and we must stop now. Talk to your conservative Republican legislators who have been part of the process which continues to support this and talk to your Democratic legislators and make them more forceful about the opinion that will protect us and our children as we move forward. Thank you, Mayor Roe.”

Mayor Roe stated, “Does any other... does anyone else on Council want to? Okay, Councilperson Dunbar.”

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, “So, every year when the Raymond Robinson memorial hockey tournament, youth hockey tournament comes around, I have really mixed feelings. My youngest son was on Raymond’s hockey team and I went to the funeral for Raymond and that was an example of gun violence long ago. Raymond’s older brother got ahold of his father’s gun while his parents were out and was playing around and I don’t think he realized the gun was loaded and he shot Raymond and so, this has been going on for a long time and we definitely need better, something better to do with it. I have to say – our ice skating rinks are wonderful. The tournament was wonderful. If you ever get a chance to go over there and look at all the things that are going on on the ice skating rinks, it’s really a great joy, but when I think back to how this started, I always feel sad. Always.”

### **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Roe stated, “Thank you all. So, to conclude with some of my thoughts, I have been in communication with the City Manager, the Superintendent and the President of the School Board for the last week around the school shooting in Florida and I have asked, and we have all agreed, this issue of school shootings will be something that we talk about in our Joint Meeting with the School Board which is scheduled for March 12. So, this is indeed an issue that we believe we should be collaborating together in terms of making sure we’ve done everything we can do within our power as a municipality. Secondly, I would just like to share with people that last week I had the first two days of an experience called Prism which I signed up for recently. It’s a racial equity leadership program. It was driven in part by other things that are going on in our country and in terms of my desire to be more effective personally in addressing the issue of racism. The purpose of Prism is to empower, to equip and to connect people with the will to treat racism and its impact. So, this is an intensive, five-day deep-dive thing and I hope that as I gain insights, I will be free to share them with my colleagues in terms of what implications I see in terms of things that I would like to suggest if there are any things we can address. So, with that, thank you all for being here this evening and this meeting is adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol Roe, Mayor

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Laurie Sabin, Clerk of Council

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