

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:29 p.m. to discuss the contents of the City Manager's memo.

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

Council Members excused: Ungar

Staff present: Anderson, Butler, Briley, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Michalec, Niermann O'Neil, Smith, Spencer, Wong

Councilwoman Dunbar motioned to move to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. 1) 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; 2) To consider the appointment of a public official.

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Yasinow moved to end executive session. That was seconded by Councilwoman Dunbar.

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

Nays: None

Executive Session adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:42 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

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

Council Members excused: Ungar

Staff present: Anderson, Butler, Briley, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Michalec, Niermann O'Neil, Smith, Spencer, Wong

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council meeting. Today is Monday, March 20, 2017. This is our regular City Council meeting. Mr. Michalec, would you please call the roll for us?"

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

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six present, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have a member at work on the other side of the country and we'd like to excuse him to continue his... oh, I'm sorry, you missed a member of Council. Dunbar."

Mitch Michalec stated, "Oh, I'm sorry."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I'm here."

Mayor Stephens stated, "That's all right. The other guy who was before you called a member of Council who wasn't here. So, Dunbar is present. Okay, thank you. So, Mr. Ungar is excused in Southern California. Our regular scribes have had a chance to review minutes."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I have submitted my corrections to the minutes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Councilwoman Roe. Councilwoman Dunbar?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, thank you both, ladies. At this time, I'd like to use executive privilege and move University Hospital's presentation to the top of the list. We have something special from the hospitals this evening. There's a delegation representing UH tonight and I'd like to welcome them to the podium to your right and my left. Sir, are you coming to the podium first on behalf of your team? The whole team can go. If you would please give us your name. I'm assuming you share the same address. So, I need you to either pick up the mic that's in front or go behind. Because we're recording this, we like to make sure your voice is carried fully onto the tape."

### **University Hospitals Presentation**

Dan Ellenberger stated, "Dan Ellenberger from University Hospitals. Would you like our address?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "No."

Dan Ellenberger stated, "All right, so, tonight we're here for a celebration. We have a survivor here which is also your Dispatcher, Nick, who had an episode of cardiac arrest on September 27, 2016, and you're wondering – why has it taken so long to come to Council? It's really to make sure that Nick is back up and he's revved up and he's good to go."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And the good news is he's working too."

Dan Ellenberger stated, "That's right. No more sick time, so that's good. Nick's out on the sick time, but really, it's exciting to come to a Council meeting and we're not here to complain for a change. Usually, what do you hear? Somebody cut my tree down. Somebody drove through my yard, but no."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Are you on Council somewhere?"

Dan Ellenberger stated, "I was on Council a long time ago. I would never do it again. That's right up there with going to the dentist. Anyhow, but seriously, all joking aside, we're celebrating life. The phenomenal crew of Cleveland Heights Fire Department, we have a person from University Hospitals which was actually our physical therapist that actually started CPR and activated 911 is on vacation, couldn't be here tonight, but this is truly the chain of survival and without the great work of Cleveland Heights Fire Department, Nick wouldn't be here with us tonight, so we would be talking a whole different episode of what the outcome would have become. Just to tell you a little bit about Cleveland Heights – I've been with Cleveland Heights Fire Department with University Hospitals 27 years. Cleveland Heights was one of the first in the country to actually carry a thrombolytic to actually open up the clots. So, when you look at all of your fire departments, if you're ever mad at them, don't be mad at them because they're your lifesavers. Okay? You have to remember that number one – they're your lifesavers; and University Hospitals had a great partnership with them and we've had a cardiac program that dated back to about 1990 I believe, somewhere in there, but they actually were the first to transplant EKGs. They were involved in what was called the ERTIMI19 Study where they carried Retaplast on the ambulances and actually administered it. They still hold the record for the EMS to balloon with Dr. Costa and the Cleveland Heights Fire Department, I believe it was 14 minutes from the time that they picked the patient up in Cleveland Heights and had the vessel open with Dr. Costa in the cath lab. So, when you're thinking about it, if you're going to be sick, Cleveland is a pretty good place, or pretty competitive, you've noticed that with hospitals, but it is phenomenal the care that Cleveland Heights Fire Department delivers. Dr. Costa, do you want to talk a little bit about the case?"

Dr. Costa stated, "First of all, thank you for inviting us today. I'm Marco Costa. I'm the President of the Harrington Heart and Vascular Institute at University Hospitals. We provide services to many communities. We believe we are the providers of the communities in Northeast Ohio. We've invested heavily. We're going to actually donate today equipment to this group, continue to save lives. I'm here to just re-emphasize our commitment to our neighbors, Cleveland Heights. We are your center that provides the nearest care for the heart. I think about heart and stroke – two areas that time is muscle, time is brain cells. The record as I still put that in my bragging rights is not a testament of what I did in the cath lab because my speed is fixed, but is what you did by getting the patient in and telling the patient up-front – if there was no tele-transmission, we would not be able to be ready to roll the patient in and get the patient treated. So, a lot of the credit comes to the hospitals that put up those beautiful buildings, but the success has to be credited back to the community and it's not just the Fire Department, but also the community that's here that matters because CPR is not just for medics and paramedics. CPR is for everyone to learn. We are in a big campaign now to teach high school students in Ohio and in the Cleveland area how to save lives because there is no price for a single life to be saved. So, any money that you invest is money well invested. So, we're here to celebrate one more life that has been saved by CPR. In his case, he was very lucky to be already in front of somebody with medical knowledge that was doing his physical therapy for other medical conditions of his hips and his other things that he had fixed last year and luckily, in less than six minutes, the team was there. Defibrillation took over, brought him to us and then they bring him to the cath lab which is actually my expertise. I was not the lucky doctor that day to take care of you, but my colleague Asau Hiparic and Dr. Cunningham was your doctor, were available and they were able to open your vessels and now life is

back again. So, it's a beautiful story, but many of those that we miss and we miss sometimes because technology is not available, training is not available, the community is not engaged, but Cleveland Heights, I think, of many of the communities should be congratulated as an entire community let alone the Fire Department for their achievement in saving lives; and these heart attacks affect people at the prime of their working life and their families. So, it's something that's very serious and it happens to a lot of people that we know. We do this every day. We had a few heart attacks last Friday. My team left the hospital at 3:00 a.m. and we can't, that's the moment for us that we cardiologists that really we can see the impact of what we do, so thank you for partnering with us. Thank you for having us here today. I think Dan has a little bit more of his list of things to do tonight. I just want to say hi and thank you and continue to partner with us. We're very engaged with your community. Thank you."

Several Councilmembers stated, "Thank you."

Dan Ellenberger stated, "How about if we call up the group with Nick? Look at that, he got up. Good, you're moving. See, Nick now has a heart? The Institute and University Hospitals provides challenge points. We have two different kinds of challenge points. One is for the providers, whether it's Fire or EMS, citizens, they do a great job; and then there's one for cardiac survivors. Last year there were 41 cardiac arrest survivors in our system so that's pretty phenomenal, but you know what causes everybody to live? CPR. How many of you folks in Council, this is a test now, are trained in CPR? Okay, we're not bad. I see you guys are slacking though. Your homework assignment is to be trained by the Cleveland Heights Fire Department on CPR. All right? But no, seriously, we trained 25,000 people in CPR last year and what the boss said is – let's do 30,000 this year. So, we want to train every Council in the City of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. We serve 16 counties in CPR because that's the way we're going to save lives. Nick had CPR done immediately when he went into cardiac arrest, so that what saved. That's what saves the heart. We're also going to donate from University Hospitals a LUCAS device. The LUCAS device is a mechanical chest compressing device. Before you had to approve a couple expenditures, but actually Cleveland Heights had the LUCAS One, the first ones out on the market years ago. LUCAS Two, that was the average, and now there's a LUCAS Three. So, we went from like the Chevette to the Cadillac, but we do want to applaud the community. The funny part is the shepherd of this device, but this is what provides perfect CPR. So, again, we have the lay person that's doing the CPR up to the advanced life support and this keeps the guy safe on the roads with perfect CPR. So, we'd really like to call Chief Bryan, Chief Pasquale, Lieutenant Candow, Eric Conroy, my favorite, John Marjak, Rich Sweeney and Steve Vondiska."

(Inaudible.) Pictures were taken with the Fire Department, City Council and the University Hospital representatives.

Nick Pishnery stated, "I just want to say as a resident of Cleveland Heights, I got to say that these guys are amazing. The only thing I really ask is – if ever you were doing your budgets and you want to reduce the Fire Department, don't do it. I'm telling you. And as far as the CPR, if you don't know CPR, our dispatchers will show you how over the phone. So, I talked to Vice Mayor Stein and I'm already versed with the Mayor and he was on my front porch when he ran the first time and my wife said, 'Go ahead and talk to this guy to find out,' and I'd been in government for a while and I said to him, 'You

know, if I was making my city, I'd take care of my Police, my Fire and my Service.' All the other stuff is nice and great and, as a resident who pays a lot in taxes, I love it, but I would not be alive if it wasn't for that Fire Department. You've got to keep those numbers. I come from a couple of Fire Departments where we didn't have those numbers and you have no idea what it's like to make that happen, what happened with me. Okay, that's it. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Nick, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, I want you to know that we understand how important our safety services are."

Nick Pishnery stated, "Like I said, I don't want to make a big deal, but it's important. I've been with a couple fire departments. This is one out of eight I've been associated with and a lot of times numbers get cut. It's important to keep these numbers up. It really is. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them."

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

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Could I add something?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "One other thing I'd like to say is that one thing I didn't appreciate when I first got on City Council was how much of what the Fire Department does is not fires. It's, at this point, more than 80% of what they do is EMS kinds of services, providing health services and ambulance services and so on and less than 20% is actually going to fires and doing fire related things. So, it's interesting that it's sort of a misnomer to call them a Fire Department because they're much more than that. So, anyway, I just wanted to say that. It's a big service they provide."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That was uplifting. Now we move to personal comments from our citizens and anyone else who would like to share something with us. Mr. Zagara, remember to say your name and your address please."

John Zagara stated, "Good evening. I'm John Zagara. I live at 3018 on Falmouth Road in Shaker Heights. I am here tonight on behalf of some of my brethren on Lee Road, merchants, to thank the City and staff for, I think, what turned out to be a fabulous streetscape improvement on Lee Road. All of them deserve a round of applause. Tanisha, Richard Wong, Alex Mannarino, Giovanni Maltese, Joe Kickel, Dan Krizner, the Police Department for their direction of traffic during the closing of different sections – it was really great and it all lead up to having what I think is a fabulous improvement and a backdrop to what we need to do next, and I'm here tonight to discuss continuing our partnership and utilizing our strengths to accomplish the soft things. Not the hard things like road work and lights, but the soft things, and I want to put those into a couple groupings. One is security. Another is commercial development. Another is – I like to call it customer service, but it's really about parking for those customers coming to Lee Road. So, I can start there I think.

A lot of thanks again goes out to Susanna O'Neil and to you, Mayor, for pushing through the first phase of the parking improvement. The second phase is to push those improvements now into the surface lots and we're looking very forward to that happening. We have a lot of surface lots in the district as well as others and I'm not one to make predictions, but I think it's going to be so overwhelmingly received that we're going to look back and laugh that we had meters all this time. It's going to be great.

From a security standpoint, we would like to talk further with Council about installing an additional set of security cameras to the north side of the district. Right now we have the south side very well covered and would like to move it north and go into the Cain Park area and in between Cedar and Cain Park. Security is a very tricky business. Police are extremely diligent, but we'd like to try to add another foot patrolman in the district, at least on the weekends, at least when the bars are letting out for their largest populations of visitors and getting people from those places out into their cars.

The next piece is the commercial development and there's really two fronts there that need to be worked on. One is very obvious and that is the empty parcel between Meadowbrook and Tullamore and the City has worked diligently over the years trying to fill that place and the market conditions just weren't ready for it and I'm hoping that the next year to 18 months that the market conditions are better for the improvement on that property and would invite the City to allow a contest with the American Institute of Architects to compete with a design for that area to see what ideas are available from a design standpoint, but also to prompt more discussion from the neighborhood, more discussion from the merchants, property owners and more discussion from Council and staff to best utilize that property. You get one bite at that apple to develop it right and we very much would like to make it a collective discussion.

The other piece may not be as exciting as that piece is utilizing inspectors to help us at the SID put more pressure on property owners that are allowing their properties to be neglected and to not maintain them for proper sale, for proper look on the road on the streetscape, and we'd love to partner with you in ways that I can't imagine right now, but I'm sure there's some ideas out there to bring landlords to bear, either to sell the property or to do something with it so they rent it properly.

And the last piece that I wanted to discuss for a short-term goal is to continue to push and reach to improve social media through the City channels and bring the merchants and the property owners along with you in that process, and I'm not really sure how to go about that just yet, but again I'm sure there's going to be some ideas that will be put forth. How we can get more involved with the City of social media channels to highlight Cleveland Heights and highlight the merchants in Cleveland Heights, to bring people here, utilize the parking apps, get more traffic, maybe fill these spaces and keep this momentum going forward from what we've done so far together."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Seems like quite a while since we flew to Washington, D.C. to lobby for this money, doesn't it?"

John Zagara stated, "It was, maybe five years."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Yep."

Councilman Seren and Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you."

"Good evening, everyone. Krissy Dietrich Gallagher. My address is 2612 Wellington Road. I am also here for a celebration of life. Yesterday at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, we hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Baldrick's head shaving event. We broke all previous records. We shaved the heads of 212 men, women, boys and girls and yesterday, this is as of like 10 minutes ago, we had raised \$132,320. That money goes to the National St. Baldrick's Foundation and they feed it out through their grant system to doctors, nurses, scientist, researchers all across the country, many of whom are right here in Cleveland at University Hospitals and at the Cleveland Clinic and that research is saving lives. And I've been running this evening sort of by myself for the past six years, but nothing, I can't do it all by myself and so there are an enormous amount of people for me to thank, many of whom are Cleveland Heights businesses and Cleveland Heights residents. Zagara's (I told him already) came through for me yesterday last minute. I forgot that I hadn't ordered any food for my barbers and at 8:00 in the morning, they were like, 'You need it at 11:30? Okay, we can make this happen,' and they did and that was really nice. I have volunteer barbers who stand up on a stage and shave heads one after another after another after another for four hours and they come from Quintana's, Sean Paul Salon and Abstract, all Cleveland Heights businesses. We have hundreds of school children in this community who stepped forward and shaved their heads – boys and girls – and they are joined by their parents and their teachers. We, for the first year, I had a team from Communion of Saints that raised about \$10,000. We always have a very large team from Jesu and our biggest teams and our highest fundraising teams are Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools, Fairfax School which in six years has raised \$145,000 on their own for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Roxboro Elementary School and Roxboro Middle School and Canterbury – and those four schools yesterday raised over \$40,000 for this event which is really incredible. I urge you if you see a bald child to congratulate them. Tell them they did a good, brave thing. You might want to check first and see if, you know, you could say, 'Hey, did you participate in St. Baldrick's?' It's a huge statement that people make doing this and it's a powerful statement. It's a powerful statement to the world. It's a powerful statement to me as the mother of a two-time cancer survivor and I would also like to thank the City of Cleveland Heights. Cleveland Heights has let me host this event in the Community Center for the past six years free of charge and an enormous thank you goes to Mark Vasiloff who works at the Rec Center. He is absolutely tireless in everything he does and he does everything with enthusiasm and kindness and I urge you to tell him, 'Good job!' from me and from you also. He's a really wonderful employee. I also have a small suggestion and that is that the City purchase a stage because I know from Mark that you guys rent a stage for the MLK event every year and that that's a nice stage and it's expensive. The part of St. Baldrick's that I dread the most and we're already dreading it for next year is that we borrow a stage from Fairfax School and we move it ourselves out of the gym into a truck to the Rec Center and back again and it always takes multiple days because the school is only open during the week and then the Rec Center on Sunday. So, I think a stage would be a totally worthy investment for you guys and it would make my life so much easier. I have a plaque from St. Baldrick's that is dedicated to the Cleveland Heights Community Center. Mark Vasiloff has a few of these. I think I gave one to Jason one year. There should be six of them. I'd love to see them mounted in the Rec Center

somewhere in public because there will end up being more than six. We're going to keep at this at least until we raise a million dollars and so far, we're at about \$550,000 and I thank all of you for your support of this event."

Multiple Councilmembers said, "Thank you."

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

Barb Sosnowski stated, "My name is Barb Sosnowski, 3863 Northampton. I'm a member of Noble Neighbors. This is a three-road citizen grassroots organization and we pretty much, our citizens, span the Mayfield- Noble up through Monticello-Noble and then take Noble almost down to where it meets with East Cleveland. We work toward the vitality of business development, safety issues, cleanliness and pretty much my expertise or whatever I've volunteered myself for, the beauty, and I pretty much have done the work of building five different perennial gardens in different corners of that Noble-Monticello and also Mayfield-Monticello. Also been up and down visiting business owners planning their planters and I want to thank my basic, I guess, motive is to thank especially Carol Roe and Tanisha Briley who have been in contact with me and helped me to make the context that I need to as I need to engage with a lot of the members in City Hall, especially with the Public Works Department to do what I want to do as a community volunteer and also want to do a shout out to every single member of Council, Mayor and our Law Director and also Finance Director that we are having a big event on May 19, 20 and 21 and it is it's third and so this one should be really big and you'll see more stuff on different signs throughout the neighborhood and so you're invited to take part in any part. It's really three days, so one of those days just come and truck over. Thank you very much."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Earl Pike stated, "Good evening. My name is Earl Pike. I live at 3064 Coleridge Road. Thank you, Mayor Stephens, members of Council. I'm here on behalf of a group of citizens that has been meeting for a while now to talk about charter review and we're going to add a few comments in light of the discussion earlier this evening within the Committee as a Whole about the City's efforts to establish a Charter Review Commission. I think a couple of points probably should be made. One is that this discussion about revising the charter of the City and specifically about the idea of a popularly elected Mayor and redesigning Council is actually a conversation that's been happening for quite some time. In fact, when I talk to folks about it, they remind me that the conversation has been going on for 30 years. Our group has been talking for weeks and weeks and weeks and that follows conversations that have been going on by other folks for months and months and months and while it's great that Council, and we applaud Council for wanting to do some stuff in terms of a charter review. I think it's also important to acknowledge the work of the community and engendering those conversations for such a long period of time. We do want to applaud your work. There's a couple of concerns though that we want to share with you and I'm going to note a couple of my colleague, Susan, is going to note a couple others. One is that since the conversation has been happening for a very long time, we owe it to the citizens of Cleveland Heights to resolve this conversation sooner rather than later. So, I think whatever we can do to accelerate the process of robust, open, engaged, diverse, widespread community conversations, so

that we can get something on the ballot by this November 7, I think is absolutely critical. The second thing is to make sure that we're reaching all of the neighborhoods of Cleveland Heights and I think that Council has already established that that's a goal of yours as well. By that, we mean not just the demographic representation, but every neighborhood of this City. And the third concern that we would share with you, and maybe it actually creates an opportunity to work side by side in a mutually collaborative way rather than a parallel way, the third concern is there may be a conflict of interest in Council appointing members to a commission that will in fact look at how Council is constituted and it may be possible that Council reviews those aspects of the charter that have nothing to do with the Constitution of Council or how the Mayor is elected and a citizen group takes responsibility for examining those areas that have to do with how the Mayor is elected and how the Council is designed. I would just caution you to look the possible implications of a Council selected group, whether or not that's by people applying and Council choosing those folks or members of Council designating them specifically to come up with the charter review that would in fact affect members of Council or could affect Council, so there's a potential conflict of interest there that we'd draw your attention to. Then I'll turn it over to Susan."

Susan Efroymsen stated, "Hi. Susan Efroymsen, 3825 Severn, and I wasn't prepared to speak tonight, but hearing some of the discussion earlier, we were working on that. One of the things that we've looked at when we've talked about business is that this isn't any one person or any one group of people. We're looking at trying to strengthen the community and strengthen the governments over the next, I mean it's been 30 years since we've done a review. This form of government has been in play since forever. We're looking at the next 50 years, the next 70 years. We're looking at what's going to make the strongest formulation. It's not about any individual people involved in that and that's what we want to stress. We're looking at the other communities around and Cleveland Heights is one of only two that doesn't have the formulation of a Strong Mayor and we're looking at adjacent cities that with the Mayor and City Manager working together, we've seen how that can be very, very productive for the City and we're looking at how that equity might work and we're looking at these options. We're looking at perhaps how the possibility of going to a ward system would strengthen different neighborhoods that aren't necessarily at the table and the ability to have more full-time attention to issues so they don't have to come one at a time, but we can have development in different parts of the City going on simultaneously and for more robust economic development in all the neighborhoods."

Robert Brown stated, "I'm one of about 10 people in these meetings with these two people and others. I just wanted to say..."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Can you give your name and address?"

Robert Brown stated, "I'm sorry. Robert Brown, 2903 Hampshire. My wife would be upset if I didn't say this. One of the things we forget to say is why we're interested in this. I mean, it sounds like a fairly arcane thing, changing a charter of the City. I think most people out there in Cleveland Heights have no idea what we'd be talking about. Some of the issues we would raise here in the charter amendment, some people would say, 'Oh, I thought that's the way we already had it.' People really don't know that, you know, 'I have a Council person. Yeah, he or she is from my ward or district.' No, it's

not true, or I voted for Mayor in Cleveland Heights I think. Our point here is that Cleveland Heights is a relatively big city among our suburbs and a lot of difficult issues are facing the City. We're at a turning point, a tipping point, but I think we've been at that point for a couple decades now and the fact is we have hard decisions to make and it seems to some of us that if we want a city that's more decisive, more visionary, taking bold actions, that it's more likely that that will happen with a popularly elected mayor. You know, it's like 55 of the 57 municipalities in Cuyahoga County have popularly elected mayors. Nationally, there are a lot of City Manager forms of government. I've worked with a number of them where there's a popularly elected mayor and a full-time city administrator and there are various models, but the fact that having a single elected official that leads the community, at least in my experience and others, full-time has been something that allows these communities to act more decisively, boldly and more avidly. So, that's kind of my motivation in getting involved in this."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, thank you."

Susan Efrogmson stated, "One of the other things that I think was stressed, but we also want to stress is that it had been our plan to make this open discussion in the community and we understand that you have the ability to do that in a televised manner and we would be open to discussions on whether that's something we could collaborate, you know, how that might work, but we're not... I'm not sure how to phrase this, but our point and our discussions was always that this was going to be open and public and trying not educate and be clear as opposed to confusing and really make this a situation where all of the citizens are informed and involved and aware and we would look forward to discussions on how possibly we could collaborate on that. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Excellent."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Will your group be continuing or is this announcing to us tonight and that's it?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "We need you to come back to the microphone, Bob."

Robert Brown stated, "As you can imagine, since we found out that Council was going ahead with this wonderful proposal to amend the charter or at least review the charter, we've had that conversation. Should our group continue as is in a kind of parallel or collaborative process or should we work with you and try to join in your process? We admit in the little bit of discussion we've had, it could be very confusing to the public if there are two parallel processes going on. It's certainly not in anyone's interest. On the other hand, we want to make sure that some of our goals are your goals and I'll tell you, the memo that came out this evening does reassure us in many ways that your goals and the goals that we've been working on are about the same. We just want to make sure that the commission truly is diverse in terms of their perspectives and also we have some degree of urgency because whenever this ballot issue is passed, if it does pass, then it will probably be another year until the elections are held until we actually implement those changes, so we're talking about a long time even if we move in November this year. If we don't make it in November this year, then now we're talking about the end of '18 and November of '19 for the elections probably if they're done at general elections, so we have a

little bit more urgency and I realize we don't want to sacrifice quality or sacrifice public education. On the other hand, we think that there is time to move quickly enough to make the November ballot. If you find out there isn't, and that the public just isn't adequately informed to make a decision, well, that decision will have to be made, but we'd like to at least get a sense that we have some agreement on attempting to be expeditious and if it doesn't work, if it's going to shortchange the process, then we'll all take a second look at that."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thanks."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anyone else who would like to speak to Council this evening? If not, we'll close this section of public communication from our citizens and move to the Report of the City Manager."

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

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I would like to notify Council that sealed bids were received for the 2017-2018 Pavement Striping Program #17-02. Bids have been tabulated and reviewed and J.D. Striping & Services, Inc. whose two year total bid of \$159,957.37 is the lowest responsive bid; and I would like to make that a Matter of Record."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. It's made a Matter of Public Record. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us this evening?"

#### **Matter of Record**

Tanisha Briley stated, "Nothing else this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We move to the Report of the Interim Director of Finance/Clerk of Council, Mr. Michalec."

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

Mitch Michalec stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have nothing to report this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And we've already done our University Hospital's presentation which was a happy moment. Next we move to committee reports. The assistant, the deputy, or second Chair, or Vice Chair of Finance Committee – is that you, Mary?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Mary is the Vice Chair of Finance."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Oh, gosh, I guess so. Nothing to report this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next we move to Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

**Report of the Municipal Services Committee**

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “Thank you very much. No legislation, but a few quick shout outs this evening. First off, congratulations at St. Baldrick’s for raising over \$130,000 for pediatric cancer research. This is extremely important as pediatric cancer research has the longest lifetime effect on those that experience. Pediatric cancer research only received 4% of all cancer research dollars in the United States and we’ve had pediatric cancer directly impact the City of Cleveland Heights. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year for St. Baldrick’s Shave-a-thon. It is the first year without a resident of our community, Rebecca Allison Meyer. She passed on her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday in June, our second year actually I believe at this point, in June of 2015 on her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday of brain cancer. So, this St. Baldrick’s event, though meaningful for those who survive, is just as meaningful for everybody in our community including those who couldn’t join us. So, that’s the first one.

Secondly, I’d like to congratulate and thank Nancy McLaughlin, one of our Planning Development Officers, for her excellent work, speaking of NewsNet 5 about the impacts of the proposed budget cuts to CDBG funding; those are Community Development Block Grants for which the City of Cleveland Heights last year received \$1,500,000; Northeast Ohio receiving \$30,000,000. Those \$1,500,000 went primarily to our elderly, to our sick, to our poor and to our children with everything from after-school programs to funding for social workers at our Senior Center. Those dollars do matter. They matter to Cleveland Heights and we should fight to keep them here in our City.

Additionally, we will be seeing tonight legislation amending our zoning code. I just wanted to thank our amazing staff, City Manager Tanisha Briley, Planning Director Richard Wong, Kara O’Donnell, Nancy McLaughlin and Karen Knittel for all of their diligent and hard work over many, many months working with various committees and commissions to get this up to speed, so thank you for your diligence. Also, tonight we will be considering and adopting the Master Plan. As a wonderful article has already stated, this is a plan for the next 10 years for Cleveland Heights in terms of our economic development and our forethought. This is a 16-month process involving assistance from the County as well as our own citizen commission. The plan itself is 250 pages long. There were over 10,000 votes for this Master Plan with 3 public meetings at our Community Center involving hundreds of people showing up each and every time including during the World Series mind you. So, never let it be said that the City of Cleveland Heights does not take seriously political engagement and thought.

And finally, there’s a Main Streets Competition. You’ll be seeing more of it online . I recommend looking at the Coventry SID and for FutureHeights so that we can get fame, reward and more money flowing into our Special Improvement Districts. That is everything this evening.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. Next we move to the Planning and Development Committee of Council.”

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

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, “Tonight the Planning and Development Committee of Council has four items for Council members to consider. First, I am pleased to present Ordinance Number 14 for

the year 2017. This is an ordinance amending various sections of Part Eleven, Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights; this previously alluded to by Melissa. By way of review, of February 6, 2017, Council introduced this ordinance to amend certain sections of Part Eleven, Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights. At the conclusion of the March 8, 2017 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended that all of the proposed zoning amendment be granted by Council with modifications. On March 13, 2017, Council held a public hearing concerning Planning Commission's recommendations. As a result, Council has determined to adopt Planning Commission's recommendations with some additional modifications. So, attached to the legislation and labeled are Exhibit A, our sections and subsections of Part Eleven of the Zoning Code, the ordinance of City Council of the City of Cleveland Heights with the language of the new provisions, and so, I'm not going to read the list of 42 places where there are changes to the zoning code, you'll be happy to hear. Just know that they've been fully vetted by Planning Commission and Council, not to mention Planning Department staff who've been identified and suggested needed changes. Please know we anticipate continued updating of our zoning codes on a regular basis to reflect changes conditions and trends and so, with that in mind, I move that Council vote in favor of these changes tonight. This is the second reading."

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

Councilwoman Roe and Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

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

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

                  Nays:   None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

### **Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This motion passes. We now have a Master Plan that we have formally elected. Zoning Code changes, I'm sorry. I'm like moving ahead in my thoughts."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "You are so far ahead. Okay, so next is a major and hugely important resolution, which is Resolution 21-2017. This is a resolution adopting the Master Plan and declaring an emergency so that we can immediately begin work to implement this plan. So, again, Melissa already alluded to this. Here's the background – Cuyahoga County chose Cleveland Heights for community planning assistance from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission for the drafting of a Master Plan. On March 16, 2015, this Council passed Resolution 21-2015 that endorsed the development of a Master Plan to include the review of land use and policy, economic development, housing and neighborhoods, parks and recreation, transportation and public infrastructure. The Master Plan process involved a citizen steering committee, staff project team, three public community meetings and online surveys. All of this resulted in significant public input relating to current conditions,

community vision, policy development, implementation plans and priority projects. This Council wishes to express its appreciation to Jeanne Diamond, Ken Dowell, Mike Gaynier, Kristin Hopkins, Howard Maier, Allison McCallum, Chuck Miller, William C. Mitchell, Yovan Radivoyevitsh, Eric Silverman, Saroya Queen Tabor, Julia Kious Zabel, for their diligent service as members of the Citizen Steering Committee. So, we now have a Master Plan. I move that others on City Council join me in voting in favor of adopting the Master Plan of the City of Cleveland Heights dated March 10, 2017.”

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “Second.”

Councilwoman Roe stated, “Something I would like to speak to the motion. I think that it’s a testament to the vision of both our City leaders and the citizens of Cleveland Heights that we have produced this Master Plan. I wish to commend the City Manager for her efforts in helping us work through this issue and it’s a very exciting time and there’s a lot of involvement available to all of our citizens in Cleveland Heights in participating in the Master Plan. So, I heartedly second this motion.”

Councilman Seren stated, “If I could.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Seren stated, “Just a couple brief things that I’d like to say about this piece of legislation. The first is that within the legislation, we thank a lot of people and we’ve thanked some people tonight, our City Manager and staff and all of the residents who participated, and I’d just like to express some advance thank you to all of the residents who will make their opinions known as we proceed to implementation and sometimes make us feel like we’re being bothered I’m sure, because that is the nature of this thing if we are not moving fast enough. I encourage our residents to come to us with their suggestions for supplementation and bug us if we’re not as responsive as we might be. So, that’s the first thing I’d like to say. And the second thing, I just want to say it on camera. I’ve mentioned this in our committee meeting, but I did want to mention in response to something that Councilwoman Dunbar said, I believe, and I could be wrong, but I believe that if this were not be adopted as an emergency, we could still potentially immediately begin work on implementation of this plan. So, I just wanted to point out that this also did not need to be an emergency. So, that’s all. Thank you.”

Tanisha Briley stated, “Your Honor, if I may.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Yes.”

Tanisha Briley stated, “Thank you for allowing me to speak. I just want to, as the cameras are rolling, I did a great job of thanking staff last week for their work on this, but I want to make sure that publicly I have the opportunity to thank Karen Knittel for her leadership on this project. I can’t tell you enough how much work went into this for Karen and it was on top of her normal day to day responsibilities. We didn’t have the luxury of removing anything from her plate and she took this on happily, was very excited to do so, and put in all of the extra time and I would also like to thank the staff from the County Planning Commission, Glenn Coyne and Patrick and Allison and the whole gang who did a great job of helping to guide us through this process. I think we challenged them. I think they grew a

bit through this process, learning how to deal with a very engaged community such as ours, but we couldn't have done it without them and I think Councilman Seren thanked Sunny Simon for her vision for this project which created the funding for us for this to happen. So, there are so many people to thank and I just want to make sure that I'm on record tonight, and I thank you for the opportunity to do it during this portion. Thank you."

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

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

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

### **Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you and now we have a Master Plan officially adopted and approved and I think we're all ready to see good results come from this document. Councilwoman Dunbar, you have the next thing."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Third tonight for the Planning and Development Committee is Resolution Number 22-2017. This is amending Section (2) of Resolutions Nos. 97-2008, No. 40-2010, and 71-2013 to extend the deadline for filing applications for exemption from real property taxation for properties in the Expanded Severance Community Reinvestment Area from July 7, 2016, to July 7, 2023; and declaring an emergency. 'Why?' you may ask. By Resolutions No. 74-2002, 13-2005, 165-2005, this Council established and subsequently expanded a Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") for specified properties fronting on Mayfield Road, Severance Circle, and Cleveland Heights Boulevard. These were dubbed 'Severance CRA' and 'Expanded Severance CRA' and were in lines with sections of the Ohio Revised Code. Then came Resolutions No. 97-2008, No. 40-2010, and 71-2013, that amended the terms of the tax exemption. It so happens that application for tax exemption under the terms of Resolution 71-2013 were required to be filed by July 7, 2016. However, due to changes in the housing market, construction completion deadlines for major residential projects in the Severance CRA were extended and sales delayed. Nothing in the Ohio Revised Code prohibits retroactive amendments to CRAs. It would be in the best interests of the City and its residents to extend the deadline for filing applications for tax exemption under the terms of Resolution Nos. 97-2008 and 40-2010 from July 7, 2016 to July 7, 2023. I realize that's a little complicated, but accordingly we want to amend Section (2) of the Resolution 97-2008 so that it will read as follows:

Consistent with the terms of Resolutions No. 74-2002, 13-2005 and 165-2005, new construction of residential fee simple townhouse structures and construction or renovation of residential dwelling units in the Expanded CRA which are a part of a project the development costs of which exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) are hereby declared to be a public purpose for which exemptions from real property taxes may be granted in the following manner:

The first occupant-owner of any such property who purchases the property from the developer may file an application for exemption from real property taxation for a period of seven (7) years for one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed taxes for residential construction activities described in this Section of this Resolution. The occupant-owner may file the application for tax exemption after the year the construction first became subject to taxation but no later than July 7, 2023, and the tax exemption shall continue for seven consecutive years and accrue to all subsequent occupant-owners during the seven year period.

Only improvements consistent with the applicable zoning regulations as existing or as amended within the designated Expanded Community Reinvestment Area will be eligible for exemptions under this Resolution. All terms of Resolution No. 97-2008 consistent with these suggested amendments shall continue in full force and effect.

It's a little complicated, but I think it's worth at least trying to give an explanation, so please join me in voting for this resolution."

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

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Councilman Seren stated, "Mayor?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Yes?"

Councilman Seren stated, "If I could, just I'm curious, is there a compelling reason why this can't wait two weeks? I know it seems like I'm always trying to slow it down, but I'm wondering why first reading passage? Do we have people applying in the next two weeks?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "There is a deadline approaching for the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Richard, can you tell me what that deadline is again?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "We couldn't do another reading between now and then."

(Inaudible.)

Tanisha Briley stated, "Oh, the filing deadline, yes."

Councilman Seren stated, "So they would need to file before the end of March. Well, what's the process that we would miss out on?"

Richard Wong stated, "I'm glad you asked that question. The issue is that by March 31 of each year, the Housing Officer, that would me, has to report all of the tax abated properties. Some of those tax abated properties were abated after the July 23, 2016 deadline."

Councilman Seren stated, "So, we'd be retroactively..."

Richard Wong stated, "Retroactive, clean it up and then we report those abatements before the March 31 deadline."

Councilman Seren stated, "Understood, thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anyone else who'd like to make a comment? I'm going to ask Mr. Michalec to call the roll please."

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

                  Nays:   None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

### **Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution Number 22-2017 creating a CRA for Severance has passed. Councilwoman Dunbar."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Last but not least, Resolution Number 23-2017. It's a resolution amending Resolution No. 108-2016 to extend the term of the HOME funds administrated by the Home Repair Resource Center for the City's down payment assistance program through September 30, 2017; and declaring an emergency. So, here we go again. Here's the background on this resolution. In November of 2015 under Resolution Number 129-2015, Council authorized an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center to administer up to \$88,000 in down payment assistance for qualifying Cleveland Heights residents to receive a loan of up to \$10,000, consisting of HOME funds issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development via Cuyahoga County. In March 2016 under Resolution Number 8-2016, Council increased the amount of HOME funds available under this down payment assistance program by \$72,737 for a total contract budget of \$160,737. Finally, under Resolution Number 108-2016, this Council extended said agreement which was set to expire on December 31, 2016 to March 31, 2017. It so happens that HOME funds are still available and the County still has not yet proposed a 2017 contract concerning HOME funds but has indicated that a contract is forthcoming and will be retroactive to December 1, 2016. So, it would be in the City's best interests to increase the term of the contract with HRRC from March 31, 2017, to September 30, 2017. What we're proposing is that Section 2 of Resolution Number 129-2015, as amended by Resolution 108-2016, is hereby further amended to increase the term of the agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center for the City's Down Payment Loan Assistance Program from March 31, 2017, to September 30, 2017. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any needed amendments to the existing agreement with HRRC in a form approved by the Director of Law to bring about this increase. All remaining provisions of Resolution 129-2015, as subsequently amended by Resolution 8-2016 and Resolution 108-2016, shall remain in full force and effect. So, I ask Councilmembers to vote in favor of this Resolution 23-2017."

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

Councilwoman Yasinow and Vive Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

### **Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution Number 23-2017, extended use of HOME funds has been approved and Councilwoman Dunbar, do you have something else to share with us?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes, I do, but I'll be quick. I just want to call to people's attention that the Cleveland Heights Police is having a bicycle auction of all the bicycles they've picked up which is more than 100 around the City since the last time we had a bicycle auction. It's going to be April 2 which is a Sunday from noon until 3:00 p.m. and it's in the rear parking lot of City Hall. The transaction will be cash only, no refunds and returns and also there will be free bicycle helmets for children under 14 when they purchase a bike, at least as long as we have a supply. I wanted to point out that the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has provided hundreds of helmets to Cleveland Heights children in the last three years and I was able to put the Police in touch with a person who administers that program and they're picking up some bicycle helmets for this and we'll be getting more helmets frankly, so again, that's the bike auction. The other thing I wanted to mention is that a new law has gone into effect as of March 19 stating that a motorist or other vehicles must give bicycles a three-foot pass. They must pass, allow three-foot in between so that it's safer for bicyclists and that just went into effect on March 19. In addition, bicyclists, if they come to an intersection or any vehicle that, and the light doesn't change, it gets stuck, they are permitted by the new law to look around carefully, make sure there's no traffic coming, and go through the intersection. So, some new laws for all of us."

Mayor Stephens stated, "You have to come to a full stop though, right?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "You have to come to a full stop. They have to stop and make sure they aren't going to be long, but sometimes the lights are so long you start to wonder, but anyway, so that's all I had to say."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Moving to Public Safety and Health Committee. Councilman Seren."

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

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. Firstly, I'd like to present Ordinance Number 19-2017 for second reading and passage. This ordinance enacts Chapter 753, 'Non-Bank Automated Teller Machines,' of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights; and it is intended to regulate the registration and installation of ATMs along with security measures and cameras, lighting, bollards in

order to present a less attractive target for criminal who want to smash into a location that houses one of these non-bank ATMs and drive away with it as we've seen all across the country. So, I encourage the rest of my Council here to vote for this. I move for passage."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Michalec, yes."

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

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

### **Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The ATM legislation, which is Ordinance Number 19-2017, passes. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us this evening, Mr. Seren?"

Councilman Seren stated, "One last brief thing and I know they've left by now, but at the beginning of our meeting, the presentation was very moving and I just wanted to say that I had a similar event in my home in my family about 20 years ago. Emergency services had to come and help my grandmother who was living with us at the time and I just wanted to say that I know the fear in the middle of the night; you don't know what's going to happen. That eventually gives way to joy and gratitude for, as they said, the lifesavers and the caregivers and I just wanted to thank Nick and his family. I wanted to thank University Hospital. I wanted to thank our Fire and EMS services for coming here and sharing that joy and gratitude because I know they brought them back from sort of the brink of worst case scenario and I just wanted to go on record thanking them for making that presentation today."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to Administrative Services Committee. Councilwoman Roe."

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

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Thank you. I have three pieces of business this evening. The first is on second reading, Ordinance Number 20-2017. This is establishing salary schedules, position classifications and other compensation, and benefits for officers and employees of the City; and I move the acceptance of this resolution as an emergency... this ordinance."

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

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

**Ordinance Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The ordinance establishing salary schedules and other classification issues passes on second reading. Councilwoman Roe."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Next we have a vacancy on the Citizens Advisory Committee created by somebody moving to another position. So, I would like to recommend the appointment of Gretchen Mettler to the CAC and Gretchen is with us this evening. Wave, Gretchen. I move the appointment of Gretchen."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

**Appointment**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Thirdly, some of our citizens addressed us earlier this evening about the charter review process and, just to fill people in who might be watching television in terms of how this comes about. It is the responsibility of Council's Administrative Services Committee to charge, to look at whether we should consider creating a Charter Review Committee. That committee is comprised of myself, Mike Ungar and Mary Dunbar and Cheryl Stephens as the Mayor ex officio, and so the Administrative Services Committee has recommended that we consider such a group at this time. The things that we saw as having fact-finding and issues to look at would be to such issues as identify and study examples of Cleveland Heights' form of government, gender neutrality language and clean-up of some other obsolete language in our code, anti-discrimination language, defining emergency actions or looking at the definition and determining if there needed to be changes and term limits and anything else that the commission felt was appropriate to study. So, it was the recommendation of the Administrative Services Committee and City Council will continue to deliberate whether or not that would go forward from our Council."

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

Councilwoman Roe stated, "No."

Mayor Stephens stated, "That brings us to Community Relations and Recreation. Vice Mayor Stein."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I'm going to try to make it quick because the hour is late. First, this is not on our agenda, but Resolution 17-2017 was presented on February 21 on first reading and I've been requested to withdraw that resolution. Following questions raised by Council at the February 21 meeting, City Council regarding the proposed mutual aid agreement with Notre Dame College, staff determined the agreement is not necessary. Therefore, staff is recommending City Council consider a motion to withdraw that resolution and therefore, I am making that motion to withdraw Resolution 17-2017."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

**Resolution Withdrawn**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Next is Resolution Number 24-2017. This resolution authorizes an agreement with Playworld Midstates for the purchase and installation of playground equipment, shading, and seating in Turtle Park; for an amount not to exceed \$66,098. This is a full replacement of the current playground equipment at Turtle Tot Lot and this is an approved project within the 2017 capital budget. I offer it for passage tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Michalec

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

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

**Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passed. Is there anything else you'd like to say this evening, Vice Mayor Stein?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "That's all I have."

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next is the Mayor's Report. Most things have been covered this evening. We've had some happy moments and some moments focused on details of governance. What I want to recognize and share from the Mayor's position is that this is a community of activists and people who are engaged in this community. We don't always agree on how to say things, but we are all always committed to what and that is Cleveland Heights. So, whatever we do from a charter review perspective or from an organizational perspective or what our residents do to volunteer for the community, it is always trying to make our community better and I hope everyone out there watching this this evening and everyone who is present in the room remembers that we are all committed to this community first and foremost; and so what I would like to say is what I always say and that is God bless America and God bless Cleveland Heights. Thank you. This meeting is adjourned. Our next meeting is Monday, April 3, 2017."

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

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Mitch Michalec, Acting Clerk of Council

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