

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:28 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: Boland, Butler, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Michalec, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Smith, Spencer, Wong

Councilwoman Dunbar motioned to move to Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss the appointment of a public official. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Yasinow.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

Executive Session adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:35 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

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

Council Members excused: Ungar

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to the City of Cleveland Heights Council meeting for Tuesday, February 21, 2017. This is our regular Council meeting. Would Mr. Clerk, Mr. Michalec, would you call the roll please?"

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

Nays: Ungar

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have a quorum and we're ready to move forward. We have one member absent this evening. We excuse his absence. We have the approval of the minutes of

the regular Council meeting held on Monday February 6, 2017. I presume that our scribes have made recommended changes and they've been provided to you. Is that correct, Mr. Michalec?

Mitch Michalec stated, "Yes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This is the time we look forward to every evening. It is personal communication from our citizens and we welcome anyone who'd like to share something with us to move up to the microphone, state their name, their address for the record and to talk with us for approximately three minutes. If there's anyone who would like to share anything with us this evening, it's your time to speak. And no one would like to talk to us this evening. Okay, then we'll have a time savings. Moving right along now is the time for the report of the City Manager. This evening we have Susanna Niermann O'Neil, who's our deputy City Manager, present. Mrs Niermann O'Neil, would you speak to us please?"

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

Susanna Niermann O'Neil stated, "I have nothing to report this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, thank you. Next is 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. One item. I would like to notify Council that a notice has been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that an application has been made by the following: DFR Coventry Restaurants, Inc. dba Coventry Paninis & Patio, 1819-1823 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, D5 and D6 permits. I'd like to make this a Matter of Record."

Mayor Stephens stated, "This will be referred to Public Health and Safety Committee of Council. Mr. Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "Thanks, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If there are no comments, we'll continue. Thank you. This evening, as we have started in recent years, we will have a presentation from the Fire Department and a presentation from the Police Department. Chief Freeman, if you like to approach the podium and begin your presentation, we'd appreciate it."

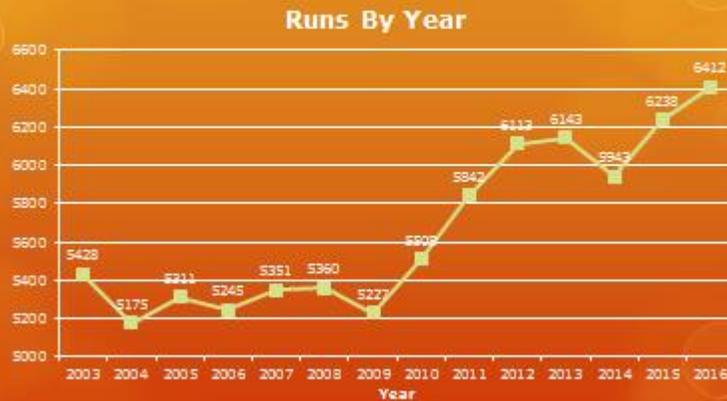
Chief Freeman stated, "Good evening Mayor, Vice Mayor, member of Council, Vice City Manager, members of staff and residents. Thank you very much for having me this evening. I'm going to try and be brief. I'm not sure I can hold it to three minutes, but I'll try."

Chief Freeman gave the following presentation.



## **Cleveland Heights Fire Department 2016 Year End Report**

### 13 Year Run Number Totals





## 2016 Call Statistics



### ○ FIRE DATA

- Emergency Fire Run Count: 1,287 (15.09% of volume)
- Emergency Structure Fire Count: 75
- Emergency Vehicle Fire Count: 11

### ○ MEDICAL EMERGENCY DATA

- Total: 5116 (84.19% of volume)
- Medical Calls: 4935
  - Automobile Accidents: 181
  - Advanced Life Support: 1,401
  - Basic Life Support: 3,686
  - Hospital Transports: 3,325



## Fire Prevention Bureau



- Total Completed Fire Inspections: 1638
- Smoke Detectors Distributed: 157
- Classes in fire safety for K-7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Senior safety classes taught at senior apartments
- Community CPR event held at the Community Center in June
- Participated in Public Safety Night Out with CHPD

## Special Projects

- Initiated agreement to merge HASRT(Heights Area Special Rescue Team) with Hilltech team, contract complete and in signature phase
- Completed agreement for Joint Dispatch to merge Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid and University Heights Police and Fire into a single space at Metro Facility on Severance Circle
- New fire response protocols were developed with our Automatic Aid partners, Shaker Heights and University Heights to improve our coverage



## 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 to include:
  - Full arrest patients, no pulse/breathing to include our own dispatcher who was back to work in 2 months!
- All members of department completed Advance Cardiac Life Support refresher training
- Received a Federal Emergency Management Agency SAFER Grant which pays salary/benefits for 3 employees for 2 years, totaling nearly 600,000 dollars
- Placed new command car into service, completed rehab of ladder truck to extend life
- All Officers completed Blue Card Command and leadership training through a regional grant program
- Partnership with CCC started a new vocational education program with Heights High focusing on fire and EMS training



## Future Plans

- Complete move of fire dispatch to new center, last quarter of 2017
- Initiate new training program to increase cross shift consistency
- Finish process of becoming Cuyahoga County Ready Certified
- Develop new automatic aid districts to increase response with joint dispatch partners
- Give tests for Fire Inspector, New hires, Lieutenant, and Battalion Chief in anticipation of openings
- Continue to deliver high level service with increased efficiency



## 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 Stephens stated, “Thank you, Chief. Members of Council, would you like to make any comments or ask any questions of the Chief?”

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “I did have a question about the Cuyahoga County Ready Certified. What benefits accrue for this certification to the City?”

Chief Freeman stated, "What it does is it's an entire program that makes sure that all of our emergency management plans are at a certain level, a standard that's been set forth by FEMA basically, and you go through an entire process where you make sure that all the personnel involved that are certified to a certain level. So the police - she's going to love me because she gets to go to these new ICS programs, the Incident Command System - so, and that's part of it, but there's a lot of different levels to it. We have to have an emergency operations plan that's complete and approved by them and that's something we kind of lacked in the past. We had pieces of it, but it was never wholesale complete and it's a very long difficult process to get through."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "And if you reach that certification, are there certain, I mean, it's great in and of itself it, but does it say make us more attractive or open for additional say sources of funding grants?"

Chief Freeman stated, "It could potentially because you're meeting all the requirements and you've got a program in place that says you're meeting those requirements. Plus, you get a really cool plaque. Hang that up."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you."

Chief Freeman stated, "You're welcome."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Was there any other questions?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated. "I just would like to say thank you for all the good work you're doing in your whole department."

Chief Freeman stated, "I'll pass that along."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Impressive, yes."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I'm very pleased to hear your report and I just wanted to share with people that as part of my orientation to be on City Council, I spent the evening with Mayor Stephens and Councilwoman Yasinow with one of your crews and it was a very helpful, great experience and I think that everybody was very helpful and open and one of the things that you and I have talked about and we talked about that evening with the firefighters and the paramedics that we talked to was that we do have a goal over time to make sure that the department reflects the City's diversity and we've talked about how difficult that has been and so we have that as an ongoing goal."

Chief Freeman stated, "Yes, absolutely, and that's part of what I hope to achieve with this high school program."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "That's what I wondered, if that wouldn't be one of the things that could feed into some of those."

Chief Freeman stated, "It's a huge benefit of the program. The problem that the fire service as a whole has is getting to the kids when they're young and getting their interest in the field because they're

exposed to a lot of things, but there aren't that many firemen. So, your exposure normally, if you look at the fire service, the majority of the guys that are in the fire service are there because they had a family member or a cousin or a friend or neighbor that was in the fire department. And with 75 guys on the department in a city of 46,000, they have very little contact the residents, so this allows us to increase that and actually bring in some kids that might be interested and get them started. Someone's going to benefit. I'm not wholly certain that all end up here, but we'll probably get some of them and a lot of different cities will benefit from our fantastic kids."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Anyone else like to say something? Chief, serendipitously this morning I was introduced to someone at a meeting and she immediately thanked me for the fire department service to her and she lives in an adjacent community. Her house caught on fire sometime in the last month and if it had - she lives in East Cleveland - and if it hadn't been for your crew and that the folks on that schedule, her house would have not been saved and she wouldn't be capable of repairing it today. So, kudos to you and your team. They're doing things we don't even think about them doing and now I'm introduced to an East Cleveland resident and she thanks me for your service. So, I wanted to tell you about that and say that publicly because you never know when the small things, you think they're small, they're a big deal to somebody else."

Chief Freeman stated, "I think that East Cleveland has some of the hardest working fire crews in the world. It's just their size. So, we offer them a lot of help. We always call them when we need help and they come here and do a fantastic job. We rely on that partnership very strongly. "

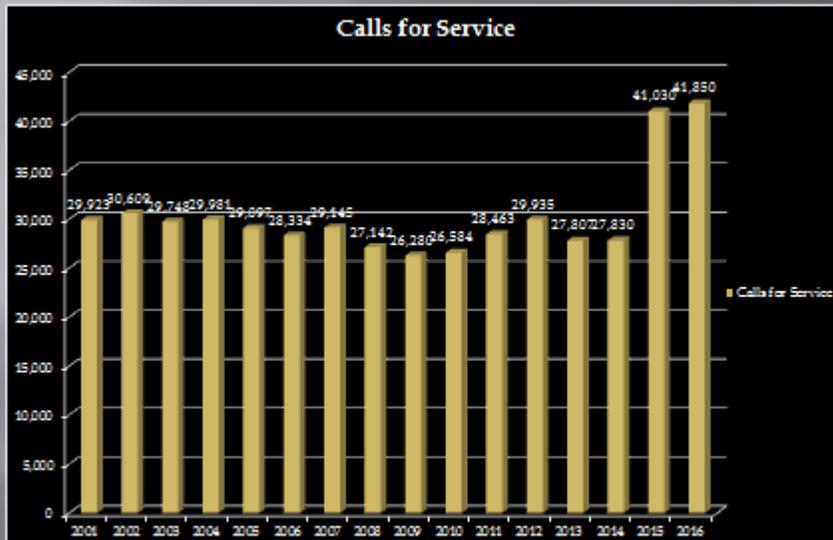
Mayor Stephens stated, "So, thank you for your report and we will continue to work with you. Thank you so much. Chief Mecklenburg, you're the next batter up."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Mayor Stephens, Vice Mayor Stein, members of Council, staff, everyone, thank you for coming and thank you for allowing me to present today. So, I'm going to go over a little bit of our year in review here from 2016."

Chief Mecklenburg gave the following presentation.

# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



## ANIMAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

▣ ANIMAL AT LARGE	532
▣ ANIMAL BITES	34
▣ ANIMAL COMPLAINT/MISC	242
▣ BARKING DOG	135

## MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle Accidents</u>	<u>MVA-Bicycle Involved</u>	<u>MVA-Pedestrian Involved</u>
2011	1315	4	18
2012	1187	3	22
2013	1210	4	22
2014	1044	13	23
2015	1345	8	18
2016	1393	7	19

## 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	84	54	117	782	98	4

## 2016 ARRESTS

	ADULTS	JUVENILES	TOTAL
2011	1623	776	2399
2012	2009	726	2735
2013	1757	673	2430
2014	1863	503	2366
2015	2019	411	2430
2016	1627	369	1996

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

- ▣ ONE SERGEANT
- ▣ 7 OFFICERS
- ▣ BIKE PATROL
- ▣ K-9
- ▣ BUSINESS LIAISON OFFICER

## 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
- ▣ US TOGETHER

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

- ▣ 24 OFFICERS
- ▣ 21 SEARCH WARRANT ENTRIES IN 2016
- ▣ TRAINED IN HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION, LESS LETHAL MUNITIONS, ACTIVE SHOOTER, ALICE

## 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
- ▣ 101 REFERRALS FROM JUVENILE COURT IN 2016
- ▣ FIRST TIME OFFENDER
- ▣ NON-VIOLENT OFFENDER
- ▣ TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFENSE
- ▣ PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION
- ▣ SIGNED CONSENT FORM

## CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE ACADEMY

- ▣ COMPLETED 43<sup>rd</sup> YEAR OF OPERATION
- ▣ BI-ANNUAL CCW TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS
- ▣ CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADUATING CLASS
  - 4<sup>th</sup> CLASS FALL OF 2017
  - RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN A WIDE ARRAY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SKILL AREAS
  - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
  - PROVIDES INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO PD

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ UPGRADE BUSINESS DISTRICT CAMERAS
- ❑ 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR PARTICIPATION IN POLICE EXPLORERS PROGRAM
- ❑ CRIME ANALYSIS TRAINING
- ❑ FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS GROWING
- ❑ 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SAFETY FORCES NIGHT
- ❑ CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
  - IN 2016 - 11 HOURS REQUIRED
  - IN 2017 - 20 HOURS REQUIRED

## GOALS & PRIORITIES

- ❑ Reduce crime & fear of crime
- ❑ Strengthen the police-community relationship
- ❑ Develop strategies to recruit/retain a qualified and diverse workforce
- ❑ Training and employee development
- ❑ Explore opportunities for inter-municipal resource sharing
- ❑ Review/Update the Police Department's Policies and Procedures
- ❑ Identify alternative funding sources

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Questions?"

Councilman Seren stated, "I've got a couple. Just two questions. The MVA involving pedestrians, but not necessarily just that, that was just the first one that made me think of this – do you guys have heat maps for these things? Like where they occur? And then sort of, you know, informed planning. You

know, I'm sure you guys have that sort of collaborative relationship already, but just think about where the accidents occur and we can maybe adjust how we do crossing there or, if involving bikes, maybe in those areas where they're more likely to have them, we can figure out a different strategy for striping or whatever it might be."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yes, absolutely."

Councilman Seren stated, "Okay, and then the second question – what is the cost, you don't know it necessarily offhand, but the cost for the CCW training for residents?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "I think it was \$140 roughly."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, it's under a couple hundred dollars."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yes, it's never, it's pretty much stayed the same. We've never raised the cost."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Melissa, did you have a question?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I just had a comment about the excellent work I've seen from the CHPD. I've had several residents come up and talk about having a positive relationship from members of the Citizens Academy, working at the race, which was wonderful to see. Actually, at the Heights Music Hop, I believe Officer Mack had made himself quite well known to people going there and it's just very... it makes me very happy to see the work done and to get, frankly quite often, unsolicited comments of the professionalism and the friendliness of the CHPD and I wish you all the luck in the world at the Coffee with the Cops."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Thanks. So far there has been a lot of people saying they're coming, so it'll be interesting."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mary?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yeah, I had a couple of comments. One is that we do have a Transportation Advisory Committee that has looked at where accidents are occurring and tried to think about, with our Planning and Sergeant Butler, if there's particular intersections and so on that need attention and it's sort of ongoing, but we are looking at that to see, Kahlil. And I also wanted to say, I guess I learned recently that the bicycle patrol officers have to be basic police officers, right? And then they don't get to keep being a bicycle patrol person after they graduate and move up? Is that right?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "That is correct. Our bicycle officers are basic patrol officers. They're not our patrol officers. Right."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yeah, I think some of them are going to miss it."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yeah, it's awesome, and one is taking the test this time, so we may actually have three openings."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "And then I guess also, in order to move up the basic patrol officers, to the different levels of officers, you have to have a Bachelor's Degree to be a patrol officer. Is that right?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Correct."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "And does the department reimburse officers if they go and get the degrees that they need to move up?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yes, the department will reimburse an officer for one degree, so whether it be a Bachelor's or a Master's, or we have two right now who are in law school."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "So, why would you get a Master's Degree? Does that move you up to another level or is it just..."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "It doesn't. It benefits you on the supervisor's test. It's a point schedule. So, if you have a Doctorate Degree, you get a certain number of points. If you have a Master's Degree, it's that super certain number of bonus points and if you have a Bachelor's Degree, it's a certain number of bonus points."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Those are just my questions."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "You know, it is good I think for the officers because they're out there, they're getting an education, they're learning things and then they're bringing it back to the department. They're bringing back to me these ideas and these things and, you know, a police department, it's teamwork, so we've got to work together. So, I'm always open to ideas and I'm always willing to listen to my people because some of them have come up with good ideas, so yes, I think it's important."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Thank you. I think I've heard good comments too. I heard somebody who was at an open mic event and somebody came in that was... had had a little too much to drink and it was handled very efficiently by the police officer that was there and who even gave the guy a ride to transit so he could make his way home and it's just handled very smoothly, but in general, I really appreciate the good work you guys are all doing."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "So, Chief Mecklenburg, thank you also for putting together my experiences and I rode all evening with one of the officers in my bulletproof vest, so that was a great experience too and helped me understand a lot of things that are going on. I was also struck by what a wonderful agreement I had to sign in terms of non-disclosure, so I commend the Law Department for making sure that we're protected. So, I wanted to say also though, I don't know if I ask you this before and Chief Freeman, when you mentioned the goal of looking to make sure that we're recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce, are there any strategies that are in common in terms of looking for diversity within the workforce is between the Police and the Fire Department? Is there any commonality there? I'm just asking. I don't have the answer or think about it or something."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "I mean, he was talking about the program in the high school. There is already a program in our high school where the students, (I'm drawing a blank on what they call them) but they do go through like a mini police academy type training in private security training, so we do sometimes are asked to come and meet with them. So, we start to interact with them at a high school age and we've actually had some who've ended up attending our academy and maybe they haven't been hired with us just yet, but anything's possible here in the future. So, I'm continuously trying to maintain that line of communication and see if we can't get in and work with them."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If there are no further questions. Sorry, Jason."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Piggybacking on what Mary was saying at the end, a question I had. So, for a basic patrol officer to take a test to become a patrol officer, they do need a four-year degree? They need a Bachelor's Degree at minimum?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yes."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "So, I guess my question is - do the other police departments locally to become a patrol officer, do they need a Bachelor's Degree as well?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "There's really only two that I can think of and that would be Strongsville and Middleburg Heights. Those are the only two that I know for sure off the top of my head that require a four-year degree."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Do you feel that we potentially lose some qualified candidates to our neighboring cities because of that requirement?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Well, I mean, from my experience over thus far and the people I've hired - you've met some of them as they've been sworn in and some of them grew up here in Cleveland Heights or are from here - didn't have the degrees. If it wasn't for the BPO program, no, we wouldn't have been able to hire him as of now. They are great officers and I'm hoping that, you know, I've already got some of them enrolled in school, so that we can get them up to that position. So, should we only have the four-year degree, you know, we may lose out on some, yes."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "And I guess, just a policy question which perhaps I should know the answer to this - is it a policy to have a four-year degree in order to become a PO or is that a charter?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Civil service."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Civil service."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "It's in the Civil Service rules."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "For Cleveland Heights."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I have to say I think the quality of our officers is awesome just based, sort of somewhat anecdotal, but I think it has paid off to have such a highly educated workforce, police force, so..."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "I don't doubt that, you know, education is a good thing in our police force and, you know, in any profession, but I think, you know, I kind of heard the chief say that we have lost some BPOs, the bike patrol, perhaps to promotions and perhaps to other departments outside of Cleveland Heights and they sound like they were good police officers too."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If there are no other questions, thank you a lot, Chief."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, now we move on to committee reports. First is Administrative Services Committee. Councilwoman Roe, do you have anything to share with us this evening?"

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

Councilwoman Roe stated, "No report."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to Community Relations and Recreation. Vice Mayor Stein."

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

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Yes, I do not have a report tonight."

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Finance Committee, our Chair is not here, so I'm assuming he has no report unless the Vice Chair has a report. Mary? Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

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

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I have nothing to report, although I always like to bring back what I have previously done. I urge people to please remember to lock your doors, even in your garage, and to please store your valuables in your trunk or in a place that cannot be seen. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "And Monday was a holiday."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "And Monday was a holiday, so I hope everybody had a lovely President's Day there and, yes, garbage - what is on everybody's mind. Everybody's mind. Garbage

pickup has been delayed by one day. So, if it would be picked up on Monday typically, it'll be picked up on Tuesday, so on and so forth through if you get your garbage picked up on Friday, it will be picked up on Saturday. So that's everything exciting happening right now, folks."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you Councilwoman Yasinow. Next is the Planning and Development Committee. Councilwoman Dunbar."

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

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes, tonight I have Resolution Number 16-2017. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Wine Cave, Incorporated for a loan under the City's Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Program to assist in the acquisition of, here goes my Davis California French, La Cav Du Vin..."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Well done."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "At 2785 Euclid Heights Boulevard and declaring an emergency. Here are a few facts about La Cav Du Vin. It currently has a total of three full-time equivalent jobs and projects to create an additional three full-time equivalent jobs during the first year of which at least two full-time equivalent jobs will be held or made available to low to moderate income persons. This Council has determined that making the requested loan would be consistent with the objectives of the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Program and in the City's best interest. Believe me, Council discussed the merits of this loan with our Economic Development team and asked many questions until we came to agreement. Also, please note that Community Development Block Grant funds are available for this purpose. So, basically the loan will be in the sum of \$60,000 and will bear interest at a rate of 3% per annum for a five-year repayment schedule. Payments will be deferred for three months from the date of final disbursement. The loan will be secured by a first position mortgage on the property at 2510 Newbury Road, Cleveland Heights in the amount of the loan, by a first position mortgage on the property at 13829 Cedar Road, Unit 3103, Cleveland Heights in the amount of the loan by a lien on the equipment of the Fairmount valued at \$45,000; and by the personal guarantees from Jacob Morris and Jane Sestak, each in the amount of the loan. During the term of the loan, the Wine Cave, Inc. will provide adequate documentation to demonstrate compliance with all applicable Community Development Block Grant regulations. City Council will track whether our loan recipients are observing agreements with your City. The reason for passing this resolution on an emergency basis, assuming four or, I guess, five of us vote in favor of it, is to expedite this transition and begin to reap the tax and other benefits of what we all expect to continue to be a successful business under new ownership. The new owners currently own and will continue to own The Fairmount at Cedar Fairmount. They have been remarkably successful in building up The Fairmount and the owners anticipate similar success in building on the long established La Cave du Vin which already has a loyal customer base. La Cave du Vin will be adding more food to its offerings. I move that City Council members vote in favor of this resolution."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "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."

### **Resolution Passed**

Mayor Stephens stated, "I think we are all enthusiastic about seeing this business expand, so it's wonderful that it passes under emergency so that they can negotiate to finalize the documents and move forward quickly."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "And I'd like to make a quick comment if I may."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Sure. "

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I just want to say a few quick words about this loan program. First and foremost, a quick bit about the owners. I think it's wonderful to see the City of Cleveland Heights developing and encouraging our local business owners and on top of it, these business owners Jayne and Jake are a mother and son team who are Cleveland Heights residents, long-term Cleveland Heights residents. Jake is a graduate of Cleveland Heights High School and it is wonderful to see people from Cleveland Heights caring about Cleveland Heights and growing Cleveland Heights under their guide. Under their leadership, the Fairmount itself has grown tremendously over the past few years and their proposals for helping another business district in Cleveland Heights attract and maintain its vibrancy is very exciting and I would be remiss if I did not also take a moment and congratulate and share our pride in our Economic Development team. Tim and Brian have done yet another fantastic job bringing forth a proposed loan to Council. Just like the last one, this is a very 'belt-and-suspenders' approach to use their terminology where the City will be able to help a business grow and will be fully... we are over-collateralized with this loan, both in terms of inventory that has been pledged, notes that have been executed as well as real estate that has been pledged as well. So, I'm very happy to see the City of Cleveland Heights make smart choices both in our development and in protecting our investment. So, congratulations to our team and best of luck to Jayne and Jake."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, anyone else who'd like to make it a comment? Councilwoman Dunbar, are there any other comments in your category this evening?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I'm speechless tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, ma'am. We'll now move on to Public Safety and Health Committee. Councilman Seren."

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

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. I have one piece of legislation for first reading only; Resolution Number 17-2017; authorizing the City Manager to enter into mutual aid agreements with Notre Dame College for police services and emergency management and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "All right, since this is the first reading, there will be no vote. Is there any other thing or comment that you'd like to make?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Yes, just briefly I'd like to remind everyone that this Thursday, February 23 at 6:30, I will be holding a Public Safety and Health Committee meeting. We will be discussing policies that are relevant to the Sanctuary City debate and we will also be discussing rental occupancy permit restrictions related to delinquent taxes and unpaid nuisance abatement charges. So, I hope to see you all there. We will be holding this in Council Chambers. It will be filmed, so if you can't make it, you can watch it on television or potentially watch it on our YouTube channel after the meeting. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "That's it. Thank you. Next is the Mayor's Report and this evening, I'd like to continue with one of the thoughts that Councilman Seren brought up. We became a Welcoming City earlier this month and one of the things that goes with being a Welcoming City sometimes is putting substance with our verbalization of who and what we want to be and I want to recognize three of our residents - Peter and Steve Billington who are brothers who grew up in Cleveland Heights and are alums of Heights High and Chris Armington who has lived in Cleveland Heights most of his life as well and all three of them are still residents. Thursday night two weeks ago, there was an SOS sent out by Us Together talking about being in need of everything from silverware to bedding and lights for families that were coming in, refugee families that were coming in, and these gentleman helped collect, loaned a vehicle, helped collect materials from a vacant hotel. Mr. Armington sanitized and washed plates and dishes for service for forty in addition to operating his business. I guess he got up early one morning and did that too. So, we were able to deliver to Us Together a lot of substantive things that would help reduce costs for these families in buying and furnishing new apartments. One of the families that came in was a family of seven or eight and so the stuff that was provided was very important and so I'd like to thank folks for bringing to our attention that we should become a Welcoming City and then providing substance along with the kind of commitment that the City staff and Council have made. We are truly a welcoming community. We believe in what America stands for and we hope that America will continue to be blessed in the future, but most importantly that Cleveland Heights will be blessed as well. Thank you for attending our meeting this evening or watching it on cable or YouTube. We are now adjourned and the next meeting of the City Council will be March 6, which is a Monday, 2017 at 7:30 in the evening. Thank you for your attendance and have a good evening."

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

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