



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Monday, April 1, 2019 Minutes**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

6:40 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Roe presiding

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

Staff present: Boland, Briley, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O’Neil, Wong

Topics discussed: Report of City Council Members, Legislation Overview, Report of the City Manager

**Executive Session**

6:40 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Dunbar made a motion to begin Executive Session, which was seconded by Council Member Stein to discuss the terms of a lease of City-owned real property.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow  
Nays: None

Council Member Stein made a motion to end Executive Session which was seconded by Council Member Dunbar.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow  
Nays: None

**CITY COUNCIL**

7:30 – 10:10 p.m.

Mayor Roe presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow  
Excused: Ungar (by phone)

Staff present: Boland, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O’Neil, Wong

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held Monday, March 18, 2019 were approved with submitted corrections.

### **Personal communications from citizens**

Nancy Peplar, Supervisor of School and Community Partnerships for Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools, made a statement about the new partnership agreement with MetroHealth. For this pilot project starting next school year, they will be opening a clinic at Cleveland Heights High two days a month to start where they will see students for their health and mental health needs. There will be a focus group and surveys this spring. Council Member Dunbar and Vice Mayor Yasinow made statements of support. Council Member Seren asked about privacy of medical records. Nancy Peplar responded that the school will not have access to those records and parents will have to sign an agreement allowing their children to be seen. Mayor Roe asked about current records at the school. Nancy Peplar responded that there is currently a paper-based system for the school nurses. Council Member Stein stated he hoped there would be further partnership to get students interested in medical field careers. Nancy Peplar responded that they were working on career-technical education possibilities. Vice Mayor Yasinow asked about expanded access in the future. Nancy Peplar responded that depended on usage and survey responses. She outlined their experience with Cleveland Clinic providing mobile units to the elementary schools. Council Member Dunbar asked about other wrap-around services for the schools. Nancy Peplar responded that this is the piece she is working on and the reason they partnered with Metro is because they do a great job of evaluating every student for mental health needs. There is another agreement with the Weiss Institute which is the sister organization to Say Yes to Education to help build wrap-around services. Mayor Roe thanked Nancy for the presentation.

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

Sealed bids were received on March 8th, for the 2019-2021 Pavement Striping Program and J.D. Striping & Services, Inc. of Ravenna, Ohio's three year total bid of \$458,459.14 has been found to be the lowest and best responsive and responsible bid.

### **Matter of Record**

**Referred to:** Public Safety and Municipal Services Committee of Council

Motion by Vice Mayor Yasinow, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call:      Ayes:              Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow  
                     Nays:              None

### **Motion Passed**

Sealed bids were received on March 15th, for the 2019 Street Resurfacing & ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program and Ronyak Paving, Inc. of Burton, Ohio's bid of \$556,075.39 has been found to be the lowest and best responsive and responsible bid.

**Matter of Record**

**Referred to:** Public Safety and Municipal Services Committee of Council

Motion by Vice Mayor Yasinow, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call:     Ayes:             Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow, Dunbar  
                  Nays:             None

**Motion Passed**

Request permission to issue a Request for Qualifications for Engineering and Design Services for the 2020 Safe Routes to Schools, ODOT Project ID No. 103700.

**Matter of Record**

**Referred to:** Public Safety and Municipal Services Committee of Council

Motion by Vice Mayor Yasinow, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call:     Ayes:             Seren, Stein, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe  
                  Nays:             None

**Motion Passed**

Susanna Niermann O’Neil stated that postcards for parking ticket overpayment have been sent and staff is dealing with information requests. We are in the final days of the culvert project behind the Community Center. Heights Arts will be displaying public art on the Cedar Lee Theater wall that looks out on the mini-park. The Opportunity Zone for Development has a new web page: <https://www.clevelandheights.com/1153/Opportunity-Zones>. The Spring Egg Hunt will be at Forest Hill Park on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. The Cleveland Heights Fire Department has been in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic regarding recognition of human trafficking signs.

Collette Clinkscale, Director of Public Works, stated there was only one bidder for striping, but three different companies had picked up bid packages. There were six bids for resurfacing.

Mayor Roe made a statement of support for the Fire Department working with Cleveland Clinic to fight human trafficking. She asked if other employees, specifically Police, were also trained. Susanna stated the Police were trained.

Vice Mayor Yasinow asked about the Dog Walker Watch that would be discussed at the upcoming Meet Your Police. Susanna Niermann O’Neil stated that this group would be educated by Police and receive information. It is similar to a block watch.

Council Member Ungar asked via teleconference about the Refuse and Recycling Task Force materials. Susanna stated the information will be provided to Council and posted

online. Council Member Ungar stated he had a difficult time interpreting the Sanitary/Sewer Evaluation Survey. Susanna Niermann O'Neil stated Collette Clinkscale could go into detail about the survey at a Committee of the Whole meeting if needed.

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

No report.

**Committee Reports**

**SAFETY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-2019 (SMS).** A Resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for road salt for the 2019-20 winter season

Introduced by Vice Mayor Yasinow, Seconded by Council Member Stein

Roll Call:      Ayes:              Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow, Dunbar  
                     Nays:                None

**Legislation Passed**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2019 (ASC).** A Resolution acknowledging receipt of the Charter Review Commission's proposed Amended Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights and its report and recommendation of the same; expressing gratitude and appreciation for the service of the members of the Charter Review Commission and Dr. Lawrence Keller

Introduced by Council Member Stein, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Council Member Dunbar stated she reviewed all of the changes and Dr. Keller had complimented the citizens that served on the commission.

Roll Call:      Ayes:              Stein, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren  
                     Nays:                None

**Legislation Passed**

Council Member Stein made two recommendations for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term of one year: Patrick Akers and Rory St. Jean.

Introduced by Council Member Stein, Seconded by Vice Mayor Yasinow

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

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

Council Member Stein stated that anyone interested in serving on any boards or commissions can go online and fill out an application. There are still openings for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2019 (HT)**. A Resolution joining with HUD and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to open housing

Introduced by Council Member Dunbar, Seconded by Vice Mayor Yasinow

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow, Dunbar  
Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

Council Member Dunbar stated that she and Council Member Seren went to a Housing Council meeting last week for annual approval of City projects that benefited from the Community Reinvestment Areas. There is now a community-wide Community Reinvestment Area.

The Dog Walker Watch was discussed at the Transportation Advisory Committee which also met last week.

The Heights Bicycle Coalition is having their Annual Meeting at the Shaker Heights Historical Society on Sunday, April 7. There will be a presentation on programs supporting alternative modes of transportation by a Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency employee. The Federal Highway Administration has adopted Vision Zero as one of their national goals by 2030.

FutureHeights is having their Annual Meeting on April 10. Representatives from Cuyahoga County Community College will be present.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2019 (PD)**. A Resolution proclaiming April 22-26, 2019, *National Community Development Week*

Introduced by Council Member Stein, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Council Member Stein explained that he will be voting no, not because he doesn't support the programs mentioned in the legislation, but because there are too many types of these proclamations.

Jim Juliano, Law Director, stated there was an emergency clause on the legislation. Council Member Stein clarified that this is a proclamation, not an agreement or purchase, which Jim Juliano verified.

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated she appreciated his position, but believed in the importance of the proclamation and CDBG.

Council Member Seren stated he had recently had a conversation about how to engage in the CDBG process. He stated our current process is responsive and reactive, but not necessarily reactive to the actual needs of the community and Council should consider how to quantify the needs and desired outcomes of the community.

Mayor Roe stated that she and Council Member Ungar had a discussion with the Citizens Advisory Committee about looking at the whole process.

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

**Legislation Passed**

**RECREATION, COMMUNITY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2019 (RCER).** A Resolution proclaiming April 2019, *Autism Awareness Month* and April 2, 2019, *World Autism Awareness Day*

Introduced by Council Member Seren, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Council Member Stein stated that Autism Awareness is important, as are the remaining two, but we have too many proclamations, which lessens the meaning of a proclamation.

Roll Call:      Ayes:              Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow  
                     Nays:                 None

**Legislation Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2019 (RCER).** A Resolution proclaiming April 7-13, 2019, *National Library Week*

Introduced by Vice Mayor Seren, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

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

Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-2019 (RCER).** A Resolution proclaiming April 2019, *National Poetry Month*

Introduced by Vice Mayor Yasinow, Seconded by Council Member Stein

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Yasinow, Dunbar  
Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

Council Member Seren stated he'd been working with the Office of Regional Collaboration at the County on the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. He encouraged the City of Cleveland Heights to form our own Complete Count Committee because there is more reach into the community at the municipal level. He will write a piece of legislation to introduce to Council.

Council Member Seren stated he requested some information regarding marihuana decriminalization similar to Dayton. He is continuing to reach out to the schools, libraries, police, court and others.

Council Member Seren stated he was interested in legislation that would allow voice votes for Council and the recusal process.

Council Member Seren stated there was a kerfuffle regarding the declaration of emergency on the wage and salary ordinance during the previous meeting. He thanked the City Manager for providing him with three of the four collective bargaining agreements. He does have some remaining questions that will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council Member Dunbar stated she did hear a presentation by one of the people organizing the Census and brought it up as something Council may consider doing, but she understood that the County was taking the lead and it may be important to have a municipal initiative in that regard.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Roe stated the Noble Road Corridor Meeting is Thursday at the McGregor House and residents have the opportunity for input on the project.

The Mayfield Signalization Project has begun. This is an example of how some projects, specifically related to infrastructure, take time.

Craig Cobb's nomination and swearing will be held on April 15. Mayor Roe stated her appreciation to the number of people interested in participating in our civic processes that submitted applications.

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol Ann Roe, Mayor

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Susanna Niermann O'Neil, Acting Clerk of Council  
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