



COUNCIL UPDATE

APRIL 26, 2019

MEETINGS & REMINDERS

Sunday, April 27	-	10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m.	-	HRRC Housing Fair
Monday, April 29	-	6:15 p.m.	-	Committee of the Whole
Thursday, May 2	-	6:00 p.m.	-	Meet Your Police
Sunday, May 5	-	1:00 p.m.	-	Bike Auction
	-	1:30 p.m.	-	Women Out Walking Kickoff at the Community Center
	-	5:00 p.m.	-	Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship Mega Raffle at Nighttown

UPDATES

- Legislation

As there are five Mondays this month, legislation is not due until next week and will be included in next week’s packet.

- State of Ohio Operating Budget Update

The Ohio General Assembly is currently in the midst of reviewing the Governor’s proposed budget. Hearings regarding HB 166, the State Operating Budget, are set to reconvene next week following a two-week recess. The items of interest to municipalities are outlined in the enclosed summary provided by the Ohio Municipal League. The City shares support with other cities across the State for those items which OML supports and those items for which the OML is against. Of particular interest is the Governor’s proposal to increase the Local Government Fund over the next two years. Barring no changes to the formula which determines the distribution of those funds, the City stands to gain needed additional revenue. Elimination of the subsidy enjoyed by public safety departments across the State

for the MARCS radios would be problematic for CH. We will continue to monitor these issues very closely.

- Women Out Walking

The annual Women Out Walking program will kickoff on Sunday, May 5 at 1:30pm at the Cleveland Heights Community Center. The 12-week walking program is open to all Cleveland Heights women. Registration is available at www.chparks.com. A total of almost 150 women have already signed up. The first 200 that sign up receive free WOW t-shirts and pedometers and water bottles.

- Parking Refund Update

We received over 4,000 responses to the mailing that went out a few weeks ago and are working through the verification process. The first batch of checks went out this week and will continue for the foreseeable future.

- Housing Department

The County Land Bank and the Housing Dept. have provided a purchase agreement for the vacant single family home at 13366 Cedar Rd to Future Heights for involvement in their renovation program. The Housing Dept. has also requested that 2009 Goodnor be transferred to Future Heights for the same program. Future Heights' partner Frank Kuhar has begun work on the first transferred property at 2036 Hampstead.

The County Land Bank and the Housing Dept. have provided purchase agreements for 928 Roanoke and 853 Beverly to Home Repair Resource Center for involvement in their Home in the Heights program.

- Mega Raffle

The Annual Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship Mega Raffle will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Nighttown. All proceeds from the raffle go to the Officer Jason D. West Memorial Scholarship Fund.





CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Committee of the Whole

April 29, 2019

Agenda

1. Review Charter Review Commission Recommendations 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Goal: Mayor and City Council members will discuss the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission



Budget Provisions of Municipal Impact

Provisions supported by the League:

- **Local Government Fund (LGF) Increase:** The Governor's proposed budget includes a 9.1% increase to the LGF in FY 20 and a 1.8% increase in FY 21.
- **H2Ohio Fund.** Would allocate \$900 million to address water quality issues.
- **Tax Increment Financing (TIFS).** Would allow local governments to extend TIFS to an additional 30 years for large, high-impact developments.
- **Local Crisis Services.** Would fund local crisis services related to substance use disorder with General Revenue Funds (GRF) rather than diverting funds from the LGF.
- **Opportunity Zones.** Would conform Ohio law to include the Opportunity Zones established in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 for economically-distressed communities to attract businesses that will invest in revitalizing local communities.
- **Ohio Business Gateway (OBG).** Increases funding for the OBG by 295.34% in FY 20.
- **Local Government Audit Support.** Allocates \$10 million each fiscal year for local government audit support.
- **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Lab Testing.** Allocates a total of \$21 million over the biennium for BCI lab tests, defraying the cost that would otherwise be passed to local governments.

Provisions opposed by the League:

- **Municipal Net Profit Estimated Payments.** Mandates that if a municipality receives a negative distribution from the state for business net profit filings through the OBG, the municipality must pay the amount of the deficiency to the state to balance the state's books. This language must be removed from the budget bill and introduced as separate legislation.
- **Property Tax Replacement Phase-Out.** Would phase out the Property Tax Replacement for local governments.
- **Multi-Agency Radio Communication (MARCS).** MARCS provides state-of-the-art wireless digital communications to first responders and public safety providers and promotes interoperability. The Governor's proposal defunds the MARCS local government fee offset. The administration has not funded the local government fee offset for MARCS in the past; however, that funding was always restored by the General Assembly. The League is requesting that legislators restore the fee offset.

Spring 2019

Local History Programs



Programs sponsored by the Cleveland Heights Historical Society, the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, the Cleveland Restoration Society, and Heights Libraries.

Wood Windows: Repair or Replace?

Thurs, April 25 at 7 p.m. at Noble

Speaker: Margaret Lann,
Cleveland Restoration Society

“Buy 3 new windows get one free!” There are plenty of replacement window models, manufacturers, and deals on the market, but what is the truth about window replacement? If there was an ad about keeping original windows, it might read, “Keep all your windows for free and repair them for 50% less than replacement windows!” This lecture will review window efficiency, available window materials, appropriate architectural style and a cost analysis of repair vs. replacement with tips on how to tackle a window restoration or replacement in your older home. No registration required.

In My Day Wrap Party

Sat, May 4 at 12 p.m. at Lee Road

Come celebrate the wrap of our In My Day Oral History project! We are recording stories all day, and ice cream will be available from 2:30–3:30 pm. No registration required.

Gatsby and the Van Sweringens with Christopher Whipple

Wed, May 22 at 7 p.m. at Lee

Speaker Christopher Whipple,
author of *Cleveland’s Colorful Characters*

This presentation will explain how F. Scott Fitzgerald used the Cleveland Van Sweringen family and friends as the basis for his famous book, *The Great Gatsby*. Sponsored by the Cleveland Heights Historical Society and Heights Libraries. No registration required.

Sacred Landmarks Lecture

Wed, May 29 at 7 p.m. at Lee

Speaker: Michael Fleenor, Director of
Preservation Services at the Cleveland
Restoration Society

Michael Fleenor, Director of Preservation Services at the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS), will give an overview of Cleveland’s most significant sacred landmarks—landmarks that represent our region’s rich diversity of faith traditions and ethnicities. He will talk about issues with which these congregations have had to deal and how CRS has been able to help them. Finally, he will show the creativity shown locally in adapting empty sacred landmarks for new uses. No registration required.

Best of the Bricks Bike Tour

Saturday, June 1 at 10 am begins at Noble
branch, 2800 Noble Road

Led by: Mary Dunbar, Cleveland Heights City
Council woman

Join us for an all-skills bike ride to learn about the history and architecture of some of our most noteworthy and impressive brick buildings. Having led a Best of the Bricks Bike Tour of residences and commercial buildings south of Cedar in 2018, Mary Dunbar will lead this bike ride featuring excellent brickwork north of Cedar.



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Project No. 19-08: J. Childers, 2490 Lee Road Blvd #113, C-1 Office, requests conditional use permit for 600 s.f. convenience retail/service establishment in office building per Code chapters 1111, 1115, 1131, 1151 & 1153.

Approved, 6-0, natural beauty boutique, self-development site and lifestyle coaching with the following additional conditions:

- 1. This use shall not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other properties in the immediate vicinity or create a nuisance for adjacent properties; and*
- 2. The applicants shall work with staff to resolve any complaints from neighbors.*
- 3. Applicant shall obtain and maintain a Certificate of Business Operation/Occupancy;*
- 4. This use shall comply with all Building and Fire Department regulations; and*
- 5. All required construction and installation of the use shall be completed within 18 months of approval.*

Project No. 19-09: L.M. Parker, dba Christ Community Church, 2065 Lee Rd., S-2 Mixed Use, requests conditional use permit to operate house of worship/meeting room per Code ch. 1111, 1115, 1131, 1145, 1151, 1153 & 1161.

Approved, 6-0, with the following additional conditions:

- 1. This use shall not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other properties in the immediate vicinity or create a nuisance for adjacent properties;*
- 2. The applicants shall work with staff to resolve any complaints from neighbors;*
- 3. Architectural Board of Review approval shall be required for any exterior building changes, including signage;*
- 4. Existing landscaping shall be maintained or, if desired, a new landscape plan shall be approved by the Planning Director; and*
- 5. All required construction and installation of the use shall be completed within 18 months of Planning Commission approval.*

Project No. 19-07: Beaumont School, 3301 North Park Blvd., AA Single-Fam., requests change to conditional use permit to demolish Painter Mansion at west end of site, 3240 Fairmount Blvd., per Code chapters 1111, 1115, 1121, 1151 & 1153.

Denied, 6-0.

I hereby certify that the above decisions constitute the final actions taken by the Planning Commission on April 10, 2019. I further certify that this Action Summary was mailed to each applicant on April 12, 2019.

Richard Wong, Secretary for Planning Commission