



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Monday, November 18, 2019 Minutes

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:25 – 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Roe presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Yasinow
Excused: Cobb

Staff present: Boland, Briley, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Hanna, Howard, Lambdin, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Smith, Trupo, Wong

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

CITY COUNCIL

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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The minutes from the City Council meeting held on November 4, 2019, were approved with submitted corrections.

Mayor Roe stated a proclamation had been given to Sunni & Co. Hair Salon in recognition of National Adoption Month. She thanked Laura Marks for organizing the tree planting on Sunday.

Personal communications from citizens

Melody Hart and Davida Russell thanked Council for tearing down 3084 Kirkwood. Ms. Hart stated that the AE7 vote should be postponed to January when new Council members are seated.

Marsha Kraus, a resident on Middlehurst Road, stated the rusting pipes were the problem with sinking bricks in the road and they should be fixed before asphaltting.

Susan Miller stated she was impressed with the AE7 presentation to Council the week prior. She stated she hopes for an open, inclusive and flat community-involved process.

Robin Koslin made a statement that funding for school vouchers should come from Columbus and not local funds. She stated the Cleveland Heights-University Heights had religious diversity and that is why many choose schools that fit their religious views. Council Members Ungar, Dunbar and Stein stated they were having conversations about it.

Paul Volpe stated he is against the engagement of AE7 for the Severance Project. He made a statement about involving FutureHeights in the review of the proposals.

Bob Brown stated FutureHeights strongly supports the City's initiative to intervene with the Severance property, but they can't endorse the selected proposal without reviewing all of them.

Deanna Bremer Fisher stated FutureHeights is supportive of this project and wants to be involved. They had not received any information to say whether or not AE7 was the best proposal. They were not invited to review the proposals because FutureHeights had submitted a proposal.

Jonathon Gulley from AE7 stated Paul Volpe could join his team.

Bill Bruml stated he would like Middlehurst Road to remain brick. He stated there are brick roads of a similar age in Cleveland and we may be able to learn from what they have done to sustain them.

Kathy Flora stated she was proud of the City and everybody who ran in this last election, as well as everyone who worked on both sides of Issue 26.

Michael Bennet from Citizens for an Elected Mayor thanked everyone who worked on both sides of the campaign. He asked everyone to apply their energy to the next challenge – the Mayor that will be elected for 2022.

Willard Young made a statement about potholes on Eldridge Street that need to be fixed. He stated last winter the Cleveland Water Department did not place barrels over the manhole covers during construction which did damage to his car.

Gary Kanter made a statement about the PAC funds received by ICMA and Council Members Dunbar, Roe, Yasinow and Ungar. He made a statement about the responsibilities for Council Members and the limitations they should have as private citizens in the City they serve.

Report of the City Manager

Notify Council of Change Order No. 1FINAL for the Dugway East Culvert Emergency Rehabilitation project (#18-05) which resulted in a \$417,692.65 increase to the final contract price from \$161,067.12 to \$578,759.77.

Matter of Record

Notify Council of Change Order No. 1FINAL for the 2019 Street Resurfacing & ADA Curb Ramp Replacement project (#19-01) which resulted in a \$10,341.11 increase to the final contract price from \$556,075.39 to \$566,416.50.

Matter of Record

Notify Council of Change Order No. 1FINAL for the 2019 Surface Treating project (#19-02) which resulted in a \$23,228.07 increase to the final contract price from \$252,351.53 to \$275,579.60.

Matter of Record

Tanisha Briley gave an overview of her report to Council which may be read in full at https://www.clevelandheights.com/DocumentCenter/View/5645/cc_packet_11182019?bidId=.

Report of the Clerk of Council

No report.

RECREATION, COMMUNITY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 99-2019 (RCER), First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing and approving the presentation of entertainment programs in Cain Park for the year 2020

Introduced by Council Member Seren

ORDINANCE NO. 100-2019 (RCER), First Reading. An Ordinance amending the use regulations and rates for admission and other services for the Cleveland Heights Community Center, City parks, and Cumberland Pool for the 2020 winter, spring and summer seasons, and repealing Ordinance No. 127-2018

Introduced by Council Member Seren

Council Member Seren thanked residents for participating in democracy and voting for Issue 26. He thanked those that had faith in him to continue for another term.

SAFETY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 101-2019, *First Reading*. An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Introduced by Council Member Dunbar

ORDINANCE NO. 102-2019, *First Reading*. An Ordinance to amends certain subparagraphs of Ordinance 130-2018 (F), relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019

Introduced by Council Member Dunbar

She thanked voters for re-electing her to City Council and she looks forward to doing the very best for the City as we move ahead to continue to be a wonderful place.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2019 (PD), *Third Reading*. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with AE7 Pittsburgh, LLC, concerning the Severance Town Center Redevelopment Plan project

Introduced by Council Member Ungar

Council Member Ungar stated there has been a lot of conversation regarding agreement as well as a presentation by AE7. He stated newly Council Members Elect Russell and Hart should have a seat at the table and an opportunity to weigh in. Council Member Ungar stated he wants buy-in from FutureHeights.

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated she believes it is appropriate for the newly elected Council Members to weigh in. She does continue to have some reservations about waiting for the buy-in for FutureHeights as they were one of the applicants for the project. She was impressed with the AE7 proposal.

Council Member Dunbar stated it had been suggested that Council should have been more involved in selecting AE7 and she reviewed the responsibilities and time commitments for Council. She stated she trusted the City Manager and staff's selection and she was not in favor of re-opening the process.

Council Member Stein stated he agreed that they should wait until the new Council Members are seated to have a voice in this project. He stated he thought it was the administration's responsibility to bring options to Council, especially for large developments like this.

Vice Mayor Yasinow stated she wanted to know if FutureHeights still considers itself to have an active application or if they have withdrawn.

Council Member Dunbar stated that having staff choose the finalist was appropriate.

Mayor Roe stated she was ambivalent to get buy-in from stakeholders and which ones those were. Severance was one of the highest Council priorities for 2018-19 and staff followed Council's directives for requesting proposals. Some Council Members were given the opportunity to review proposals and be a part of discussions about their advantages and disadvantages. She stated she believes it is a priority and this project is a catalyst as far as what needs done up Noble Road and Center Mayfield. She disagrees with the rationale to hold off until there are new Council Members are seated as they were elected to do this work.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2019 (PD). A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for grant funding under the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Community Development Supplemental Grant program to construct an inclusive playground at Forest Hill Park

Introduced by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Stein

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

Council Member Ungar stated this is the first Council meeting since an election for a historic change. Newly elected Council Members Melody Hart and Davida Russell. He congratulated Council Members Dunbar and Seren on their re-election. He stated he thought Carol Roe has done a fantastic job as our Mayor and we owe her a debt of gratitude. He stated Craig Cobb has been a wonderful addition to Council. He stated he thinks highly of the two new members. He congratulated the people that worked on Citizens for an Elected Mayor.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roe congratulated the two new Council Members and the people that worked on Issue 26. She stated the transition is an upcoming agenda item and welcomed people to submit ideas to the City Manager or herself. She also welcomed ideas about healing.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Roe, Mayor

Susanna Niermann O'Neil, Acting Clerk of Council
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