



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 Minutes

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:25 – 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Roe presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Yasinow
Excused: None

Staff present: Briley, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, O'Donnell, Smith, Trupo

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

CITY COUNCIL

7:35 – 9:25 p.m.

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Excused: None

Staff present: Briley, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, O'Donnell, Smith, Trupo

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held Tuesday, February 19, 2019 were approved with corrections submitted.

Personal communications from citizens

Wyatt Benskin made a statement about tenants' rights and urged Council to empower the Housing Department to take action. He requested more information about landlords that are repeat violators of housing codes.

Deanna Bremer-Fisher made a statement of support for the Landmark Ordinance legislation being introduced tonight. Councilwoman Dunbar made a statement about the construction quality of older buildings.

Margaret Lamb made a statement of support for the Landmark Ordinance legislation. She shared her experience with grant administration.

Masie Adams, Chair of the Landmark Commission outlined the process of getting to the current Landmark Ordinance legislation and the benefits of passing the legislation.

Palida Moody inquired how 1708 Lee Road became a halfway house. Tanisha Briley referred her to speak with Housing Director Allan Butler.

Mr. Rhoades made a statement about hair nets not being worn at Dave's Supermarket and Burger King. The City Manager's Office has reported this to the Cuyahoga County Health Department.

Annual Presentation by the Police Department

Chief Mecklenburg gave the 2018 Annual Presentation for the Police Department. The presentation may be seen in full at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2PyxIsgq3I&t=1321s>.

Council Member Dunbar commended the Police for the Bike Auction and Citizens Academy events she has attended.

Council Member Seren made a statement about the classification of dangerous animals for the City and the County. Chief Mecklenburg stated that they report them to the County Health Department and the animal has to be quarantined for 10 days after a bite.

Council Member Seren made a statement about geocoding abilities and asked if the City is creating a map regarding crimes. Chief Mecklenburg stated she is currently working on a project. Council Member Dunbar stated that the Transportation Advisory Committee had a presentation about where accidents were occurring about a year ago.

Council Member Seren asked if the numbers for seized items and currency are net of return. Chief Mecklenburg stated that those in the report are forfeited to the Police, but there is money that is seized during a case that is returned (i.e. the person is not found guilty).

Vice Mayor Yasinow asked how the fact that violent crimes are down and that kind of information is being disseminated to the community. Chief Mecklenburg stated that the stats are posted online and she is working with Mary Trupo on Public Relations.

Vice Mayor Yasinow made a statement of support for the first Cleveland Heights Youth Academy. Tanisha Briley stated it was Chief Mecklenburg's idea. Chief Mecklenburg noted that two news stations did stories on it and she would contact them regarding the upcoming Youth Academy.

Council Member Ungar asked about the reduction of parking tickets during a period shown on page 16. Chief Mecklenburg responded that the ticket totals were 2,500 less

than 2017. The Chief noted that if people are using the parking app, there may be less expired meters.

Mayor Roe asked if the statistics could be broken down by neighborhood to address concerns. Chief Mecklenburg is working on maps that would break down violent crime versus property crime and plotting them by neighborhoods. Tanisha Briley asked if crime was up or down in Noble. Chief Mecklenburg stated that it is showing a decrease in Noble Neighborhoods.

Mayor Roe asked how many refugees or undocumented individuals the Police Department has come into contact with over the last year. The Chief stated they have not had any commit any crimes, but they're working with one from last year because her son was the victim of a crime, although that doesn't play a factor when they're investigating a crime.

Annual Presentation by the Fire Department

Chief Freeman gave the 2018 Annual Presentation for the Fire Department. The presentation may be seen in full at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2PyxIsgq3I&t=1321s>.

Council Member Dunbar stated that the department came out and replaced her broken smoke detector.

Council Member Seren asked for clarification on the call efficiency work. Chief Freeman stated some places are charging for calls where people are injured, but do not want transported for medical attention. One national consortium is starting a pilot program where they offer care on site with tele-medicine or taking them to sites other than ER. The Chief is looking at how to address the problems they are responding to with programs like the Fall Prevention Program.

Mayor Roe asked about the opioid crisis that is occurring in communities, but doesn't seem to be impacting the City. Chief Freeman stated that communities with high opioid use have more roads and freeways passing through.

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley reported on the new bi-weekly report on policies and programs. The report may be viewed in full at https://www.clevelandheights.com/DocumentCenter/View/4676/cc_packet_02192019?bidId=.

Report of the Director of Finance/Clerk of Council

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Council Member Dunbar stated that legislation being passed tonight will have an effect on housing.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2019 (PD), First Reading. An Ordinance enacting and adopting a revised Chapter 143, "Landmark Commission," of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights.

Introduced by Council Member Ungar

Legislation Introduced

Council Member Stein stated he preferred the language in the ordinance be changed that commission positions are unpaid. He expressed concern about the consent of building owners having their buildings in non-historic districts being marked as historic.

RECREATION, COMMUNITY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Council Member Seren stated that Council is in the process of selecting people to interview for the Council vacancy.

On February 27, 7:00 p.m., there will be a public meeting at the Lee Road Library regarding the ballot initiative to change the form of government from Council-Manager to Mayor-Council.

SAFETY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2019 (SMS). A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for federal Safe Routes to School funding to implement infrastructure portions of School Travel Plan recommendations

Introduced by Vice Mayor Yasinow, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Council Member Dunbar made a statement about her involvement with this initiative. Council Member Ungar commended her for her work.

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

Legislation Passed

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2019 (SMS), First Reading. An Ordinance creating the City Community Improvement Corporation and authorizing the City Manager to file appropriate Articles of Incorporation

Introduced by Vice Mayor Yasinow

Legislation Introduced

Council Member Seren made a statement of support for the legislation. He stated he would like the people appointed by Council have banking, entrepreneurship and development experience.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2019 (SMS). A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a third amendment to the agreement with Wade Trim, Inc. of Ohio, for professional engineering services relating to the City’s Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control project and the EPA partial consent decree

Introduced by Vice Mayor Yasinow, Seconded by Council Member Ungar

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

Legislation Passed

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2019 (AS). A Resolution continuing the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council, designating two members, each for a three-year term

Introduced by Council Member Stein, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

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

Legislation Passed

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2019 (F). A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center (“HRRC”), a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for assistance with HRRC’s Home in the Heights program; providing compensation therefor

Introduced by Council Member Dunbar, Seconded by Council Member Ungar

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

Executive Session

9:37 – 10:15 p.m.

Vice Mayor Yasinow made a motion to begin Executive Session, which was seconded by Council Member Dunbar to discuss the appointment of a public official.

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

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

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

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Roe, Mayor

Susanna Niermann O’Neil, Acting Clerk of Council
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