



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Monday, April 6, 2020 Minutes

CITY COUNCIL

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar
Excused: None

Staff present: Briley, Hanna, Niermann O’Neil

Report of the City Manager

- Notify Council that sealed bids were received on March 6, for project #20-03 – Selwyn Road Resurfacing & Waterline Replacement and Fabrizi Trucking & Paving, Inc. of Middleburg Heights, Ohio’s bid of \$1,340,897.58 has been found to be the lowest and best responsible bid.

Matter of Record

- Notify Council that sealed bids were received on March 13, for project #20-05 – Fire Vehicle Source Capture Exhaust Systems and Clean Air Concepts of Cincinnati, Ohio’s bid of \$118,185.00 has been found to be the lowest and best responsive and responsible bid.

Matter of Record

- Notify Council that sealed bids were received on March 20, for project #20-02 – 2020 Surface Treating Program and Specialized Construction, Inc. of Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio’s bid of \$264,266.65 has been found to be the lowest and best responsible bid.

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/6542/cc_packet_04062020.

Council Member Russell made a statement that the Parks and Recreation Department has been working closely with the Police Department.

Council Member Ungar asked about the Readiness and Response Team. Tanisha Briley stated all of the Directors and the Judge are involved and they meet several times a week

to discuss response, policies, resources, functions and closures. They discussed the shift to FFCRA leave.

Council Member Dunbar commented that she saw gas for sale at Monticello and Noble for \$1.75 and it would impact the gas tax revenue. Council Member Seren stated it is an excise tax based per gallon, but less people are driving.

Council Member Ungar stated he discussed reaching out to senior citizens and most vulnerable in the community with FutureHeights and they're interested in a public-private partnership. Tanisha Briley stated we are working with the County Board of Health and United Way. Susanna Niermann O'Neil stated she spoke with several churches about outreach. Council Member Ungar suggested contacting other cities to see what has and hasn't worked in a similar outreach. Council Member Russell made a statement about staying safe, wellness checks and encouraging people to check on their senior neighbors.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Ungar stated there is a lot going on with public safety and health considering the coronavirus and most of our resources were involved in that response.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATIONS COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Department is doing its best to keep the playgrounds safe and sanitized and has removed some equipment. Parks and recreation crews have removed all essential playground equipment with the exception of those which cannot be removed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Hart stated that whenever any financial decisions are made in response to COVID-19, Council would like to be informed before implementation. Council Member asked if the surplus would be repurposed. Tanisha Briley stated there was a benefit to pre-paying for medical and it had been factored into the budget that way. Council Member Hart proposed tabling the discussion for this meeting to discuss on another date.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Dunbar commended Chief Mecklenburg for her Annual Report.

Doan Brook Watershed is encouraging people to pick up trash with gloves when they are out for walks and report it to the partnership.

The Shaker Heights Nature Center is having a native plant sale. You can purchase them online and pick them up.

Council Member Dunbar encouraged residents to wear masks when they go out.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 32-2020 (PD). A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend various economic development loan and grant agreements in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus

Introduced by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Hart

Roll Call: Ayes: Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar
Nays: None

Legislation Passed

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2020 (PD), *First Reading*. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to take all actions necessary for participation in the services offered through the Cuyahoga County Aggregated Solar Project and administered pursuant to the Cuyahoga County Cooperative Purchasing Program

Introduced by Council Member Ungar

Legislation Introduced

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2020 (PD), *First Reading*. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Panzica Construction for consultant services as Owner's Representative for the Top of the Hill Redevelopment Project

Introduced by Council Member Ungar

Legislation Introduced

Council Member Ungar commended staff for their response and work.

Council Member Ungar stated he would like Council to be kept in the loop regarding any development on Top of the Hill so they know how to respond to inquiries. Council Members Hart and Dunbar agreed. Council Member Hart and Russell supported the idea of a joint communication.

Council Member Ungar suggested posting a letter online regarding Council's involvement. Council Member Dunbar stated it is helpful in letting residents know where they stand on policy.

Consent Agenda

Due to a question, the consent agenda did not exist and the legislation was moved to Administrative Services Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2020 (AS). An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances

Introduced by Council Member Seren, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Council Member Seren answered questions from Council Members Hart and Russell stating that these changes had already been passed and this legislation was a submission of information to the company that makes updated to the Codified Ordinances.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar
Nays: None

Legislation Passed

Council Member Seren made a statement about voluntary and mandatory furloughs as a possibility.

Council Member Dunbar reminded residents about bicycles and Council Member Hart stated she rode her bike with a face mask.

Council Member Ungar commended staff for getting the virtual meeting coordinated.

Council Member Dunbar commended residents for staying home and asked people to check on elderly residents.

Council Member Seren stated over 20 people have seen the YouTube meeting and asked about the capability of having committee meetings in this format. Tanisha Briley stated three staff were required to make this happen and all of the Directors were listening in via the phone line.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Seren thanked staff and encouraged residents to stay at home and check on neighbors that may need assistance.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jason S. Stein, Mayor

Susanna Niermann O'Neil, Acting Clerk of Council
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