



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Minutes

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:03 – 8:43 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

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

Staff present: Hanna, Himmelein, Niermann O’Neil

Topics discussed: Legislation, Report of the City Manager, Elected Mayor’s Salary, RFQ/RFPs

Executive Session

7:30 – 8:33 p.m.

Council Member Hart made a motion to waive attorney-client privilege, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Seren.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hart, Seren
Nays: Dunbar, Russell, Stein, Ungar

Council Member Dunbar made a motion to begin Executive Session, which was seconded by Council Member Russell to consider the appointment of a public official.

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

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

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

CITY COUNCIL

8:44 – 9:26 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar

Excused: None

Staff present: Hanna, Himmelein, Niermann O'Neil

Minutes from the City Council meeting held Monday, July 20, 2020, were approved with submitted edits.

Personal communications received from citizens (via electronic mail)

Amy Himmelein read a letter from Susan Efrogmson regarding the Millikin property and the school's refusal of proposals for developing that land.

Report of the City Manager

Susanna Niermann O'Neil stated there will be a form online to submit personal communications to the Clerk of Council which will be read in the meetings.

The RFQ/RFP for a redevelopment plan of Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook and RFQ/RFP for a Neighborhood Redevelopment Program were pulled from the agenda. They will be discussed at the Planning and Development Committee meeting next Monday.

Susanna Niermann O'Neil gave an overview of the City Manager's Report to Council which may be read in full at

<https://www.clevelandheights.com/DocumentCenter/View/7690/City-Council-Packet-September-2-2020?bidId=>.

Report of the Chief of Police

Chief Mecklenburg stated a proposal is being reviewed from the Diversity Institute of Cleveland State University. Their training includes the following: Eight hours of training in cultural competence and implicit bias, an overview of the relationship between the police and the African American community, current challenges facing law enforcement, the changing demographics, the dynamics of difference, impact of biased stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, professionalism and the impact of cultures of honor, the role of police officers as street-level bureaucrats, and the appropriate use of power and authority, de-escalation and the value of slowing down, and the behaviors and skills that build community trust. This training will be conducted in four sessions in November and December with Dr. Dunn. This also calls for policy analysis and community engagement. Town Hall meetings may be held virtually due to the pandemic. There will also be a data analysis done to review the traffic ticketing patterns in Cleveland Heights-based on the available data.

Council Member Russell thanked the Chief for the quick analysis of changes, willingness, and drive.

Council Member Seren asked if there was anything that needed to be done to create the community review board or anything else.

Report of the Clerk of Council

Notify Council that a notice has been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that an application has been made by the following: Greater Heights Institute, Inc., 3492 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118 for a new D1 and D3 permit.

Matter of Record

Refer to: Municipal Services Committee, the City Manager, and the Director of Law

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Seren stated there is a virtual forum hosted by Safer Heights Thursday, September 17, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to discuss race relations, policing, safety, and law enforcement in Cleveland Heights. You can find out more on their Facebook page, Instagram, or Twitter.

Council Member Seren stated Council is working to fill the Council vacancy

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council Member Russell stated the City is working with the schools on facility use. She thanked Joe McRae and the City Manager for the outdoor concerts at Severance Circle. The next event is on September 26. They're working on an outdoor movie in this area as well. She encouraged residents to participate in the census as the deadline has been extended.

Council Member Russell is holding a listening session on September 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Front Stage Theater.

Cleveland Heights won the census tree competition with University Heights.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Hart stated she is organizing a Mayoral Transition Forum for October 8 at 7:00 p.m. with a moderator and mayors from nearby cities. She is working with FutureHeights which will be putting out ads soon.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE 91-2020 (MS), First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for recycling processing services between the City of Cleveland Heights and Kimble Company

Introduced by Council Member Dunbar

Legislation Introduced

Council Member Dunbar said the city is fortunate to have Susanna Niermann O'Neil serving as City Manager.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council Member Ungar stated there will be a Planning and Development Committee meeting next week immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting. They will be considering Requests for Qualifications and preliminary development proposals for the redevelopment of the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook area. Community input is welcome and may be addressed to Tim Boland copying Susanna Niermann O'Neil. They will also be discussing an RFQ/RFP for the Neighborhood Redevelopment Program.

Council Member Ungar restated that Council is looking to fill the Council vacancy. Council Member Hart stated that she thinks the Council is very close to a decision.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 92-2020 (PSH). A Resolution amending Section 1 of Resolution No. 87-2020, which authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of upgraded police-worn body cameras and associated software for the Police Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program, to authorize entering into a Municipal Lease for the lease-purchase of said equipment

Introduced by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Hart

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

Legislation Passed

Council Member Ungar stated he will be participating in the citizens' task force that will address some of the issues of the moment like social justice and racial justice. Council Member Russell developed a questionnaire for residents for the Law Director to review. After input from Council, applications will be accepted to serve on the task force.

Council Member Russell stated they are developing a draft of the task force to bring to the Council.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2020 (F). A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission; authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2020 (F). A Resolution requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from the proceeds of the 2020 tax year collection pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code

RESOLUTION NO. 95-2020 (CRR). A Resolution proclaiming September 11 – 18, 2020, as Welcoming Week

ORDINANCE NO. 96-2020 (PSH). An Ordinance authorizing the sale of K-9 Officer Jax to his handler for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2020 (F). A Resolution updating the signatories designated for the account with Nirvana Public Funding, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2020 (F). A Resolution updating the list of City employees authorized to be signatories on certain City accounts

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2020 (CRR). A Resolution joining communities throughout the nation in proclaiming September 2020 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2020 (MS). A Resolution proclaiming September 2020 to be *National Preparedness Month*

Motion to suspend rules by Council Member Hart, Seconded by Council Member Russell

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

Motion Passed

Motion to adopt by Council Member Dunbar, Seconded by Council Member Hart

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

Legislation Passed

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jason S. Stein, Mayor

Amy Himmelein, Clerk of Council
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