



## CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:15 p.m.

Phyllis Evans, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox

Council Members absent: Kelley

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Gibbon, Malone, Mannarino,  
Niermann O'Neil, R. Wagner, Wong

Topic of discussion included general information pertaining to the City Manager's weekly memorandum.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Vice Mayor Evans stated, "Good evening. Welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council meeting on March 2, 2009. I'd like to apologize for being a little late on our start, but we always have so much business at our earlier meeting that sometimes it's hard to close things up and come out."

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:41 p.m.

Phyllis Evans, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox

Council Members absent: Kelley

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Gibbon, Malone, Mannarino,  
Niermann O'Neil, R. Wagner, Wong

Vice Mayor Evans commented, "We'd like to excuse Mayor Kelley's absence. He's on a much needed family vacation in Florida, and I certainly hope the weather was a little bit better than what I've heard about. He will sign the minutes of the February 17th meeting when he returns.

Next on the agenda is personal communication from citizens, residents. If there is any one present who would like to speak to us, we'd like for you to raise your hand, be acknowledged, when you come to the podium, you will state your name, your address and tell us what you want to tell us. Is there anyone here that would like to speak to the body this evening? I see some unfamiliar faces and you don't want to talk to us? Well it's nice to have you here this evening."

## **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Downey stated, "Thank you very much, your Honor. I just have one item this evening, and that would be to request authority to advertise for bids for path resurfacing at Cain Park and Denison Park and an HVAC preventative maintenance contact."

Vice Mayor Evans made it a matter of record and referred it to the Municipal Services Committee of Council.

Council Member Caplan moved that the City Manger be given authority to advertise for bids for path resurfacing at Cain Park and Denison Park and an HVAC preventative maintenance contact.

Second by Councilwoman Dietrich.

Roll Call: Ayes: Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox

Nays: None

Motion passed

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Malone stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have no report tonight."

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is one piece of legislation from this committee tonight. Resolution No. 19-2009(PD) amending Resolution No. 118-2005 and 46-2005 to designate the Mayfield/Warrensville and the Mayfield/Lee Business Districts as additional Target Districts for the Storefront Renovation Program and to provide for signage grants for businesses in districts throughout the City; and declaring an emergency.

The City's Storefront Program, is essentially funded with Community Development Block Grant funds, these are funds we receive from the federal government, and they provide for assistance, financial assistance to eligible businesses and commercial property owners for exterior renovations, and improvements to business properties in the City. Under the program, businesses in target areas or target districts are eligible for more funding than in non-targeted districts. We feel it's now in the best interest of the City to amend the program guidelines to designate new areas for the targeted areas and also to provide for signage grants of up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for businesses in all districts throughout the City.

So, essentially what this Resolution will do is amend these previous Resolutions as noted, and essentially it will now designate buildings to be eligible for these grants and loans in targeted business districts to include the Mayfield/Warrensville, Mayfield/Lee, Noble/Nela, Noble/Monticello, North Coventry, North Taylor, Cedar/Taylor and South Taylor, between Shannon and Cedarbrook Roads. These will be in targeted districts now, and they'll be eligible for a higher amount of funding and they can choose between a Rebate/Grant program, which awards a rebate grant of fifty percent (50%) of the project costs, up to a maximum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or Grant Loan Program, where if they put in ten percent (10%) then they can split the remaining through a rebate grant and a no-interest loan. This program will continue to allow owners of properties in the non-targeted business districts to receive a no-interest loan in the sum of fifty percent (50%) of the project costs not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), and as I said, this program amendment will also allow for

signage grants in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) throughout the City.

Again, these are federal dollars the City receives. We targeted into our various business districts to improve the look of the businesses through storefront renovation and through signage programs. We are obviously adding to the targeted business districts and again, we hope our staff will be looking for businesses to assist and to make this program more viable and used throughout the City. I offer Resolution No. 19-2009(PD) for passage tonight."

Vice Mayor Evans accepted Resolution No. 19-2009(PD).

Roll Call: Ayes: Dietrich, Evans, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Councilman Wilcox concluded, "I just had one comment. It's through programs like these, through federal dollars and you'll be reading in the paper and hopefully in meetings in the near future, where the City will be able to announce additional federal monies coming into the City to help us with - last meeting we talked about the housing crisis with vacant and foreclosed homes. We're also looking at the stimulus - federal stimulus money. We don't have all of the guidelines for those just yet, but there are certainly going to be a lot of cities - like ours, looking to the federal government for help in these difficult times. That concludes my report."

#### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Tumeo stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have several pieces of legislation tonight. The first is Ordinance No. 20-2009(PSH) amending Chapter 751, Commercial Snow Removal, of Part Seven, Business Regulations, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to require the registration of persons providing commercial landscaping services within the City, to increase the registration fees for persons subjected to Chapter 751, to increase required property damage insurance limits for persons subject to Chapter 751, to prohibit the deposit of plant materials on the median strips, the paved portions of public rights-of-way and private property by persons subject to Chapter 751, to increase the penalty for second and subsequent offenses relating to the deposit of snow and plant material on the public right-of-way and other unlawful locations by persons subject to Chapter 751, and provide for revocation of permits for violations of the requirements of Chapter 751, and declaring an emergency.

As you can hear from that introduction, there is quite a few things that this involves. I'll try and boil it down to a short little explanation. Currently, the City requires registration of individuals who do commercial snow plowing. They pay a fee for a permit, to be registered and there are rules regarding where they can put snow and the like. They can't plow your driveway and put it in the middle of the street or on the sidewalks, pretty basic stuff. One of the things that we've talked about on this Council and I've said a few times is, we have a similar problem with people who do commercial landscaping. They tend to want to blow the leaves out into the street or put the grass clippings out into the street or on the sidewalks, and this is equally a public health problem for us. We have not, before this, required them to be registered or to have insurance if they damage property while they are doing their job. This ordinance would create that kind of registration requirement for landscapers, commercial landscapers in the City. They will also have to register. What is true, is that many of our snow plowers are also our landscapers. The current plan, the way the ordinance reads, if you are a snow removal person, it's a \$50.00 registration, if you're a landscaper it's \$50.00. If you do both, it's \$75.00 for both. The reason for that increase in fees - which is an increase from what we charge now - as you can imagine the cost

of administering these programs are going up as costs go up and income goes down, so we are raising those fees as well. This ordinance is introduced tonight only on first reading. We wanted to make sure that the people who would be affected, the commercial landscapers and people who use commercial landscapers would have a chance to know about it. It is on file with the Clerk, if you want to read all the nitty gritty details, and then it will be introduced for second reading at a future council meeting. I would like to introduce Ordinance No. 20-2009(PSH) on first reading tonight only.”

Vice Mayor Evans accepted Ordinance No. 20-2009(PSH) on first reading.

Council Member Caplan stated, “The only comment, I’d like to make is - we call it the commercial snow removal and commercial landscapers, but it means for the most part that they are doing residential houses. It’s that they probably have a truck and show up some place, but this is mostly about residential snow blowing, residential landscaping. We never say “residential” in it, so I thought I would throw that in. Thank you.”

Council Member Tumeo continued, “Next I have Ordinance No. 21-2009(PSH) amending specified provisions of Chapter 1311, Administration, Fees and Penalty, of Part Thirteen, Building Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to raise the fees for some building permits in order to more adequately cover the City’s costs associated therewith; and declaring an emergency.

As you know, we’ve been struggling with the downturn in our income here, as much as the households of our city and our residents have. What we do with this, is raise the fees for permits, there are several different fees that are raised. They all look very similar. For a lot of our permits we charge \$25.00, and what we’re doing is raising those to \$35.00. The other thing that we are doing is, currently, the permits are based on 100 square feet. There’s a fee over the basic per 100 square feet of building. We’re changing that to per One Thousand value of construction. If you’re doing a big project, you’re going to pay more than if you’re doing a little project, even if it’s in the same size building. That way it more appropriately gages the cost of the permit to the size, the value of the project being done. Once again, this ordinance is on first reading only tonight, so people will have a chance to review it, take a look at it, if they have comments, to let us know. It will be on file with the Clerk and a copy can be received from the Clerk. I would like to introduce Ordinance No. 21-2009(PSH) also, on first reading tonight only.”

Vice Mayor Evans accepted Ordinance No. 21-2009(PSH) on first read only.

Council Member Tumeo continued, “Finally, I have Resolution No. 22-2009(PSH) declaring the property at 875 Nelaview Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency. Here’s some pictures that we have. The City Manager and the Certified Building Official have reported to the Council that the residential property at 875 Nelaview Road owned by Deutsch Bank National Trust Company has not been maintained for a number of years and is in a state of disrepair. From the pictures you can see that the framing on the windows is gone, the foundation is crumbling, it’s in an extremely poor state. The City Manager and Building Official further reported that the former owners of the property were cited by the Housing Inspection Department for numerous housing code violations on the property for over the past four years and nothing has been accomplished. The Point of Sale inspection conducted on the subject property when it was transferred in 2007 found numerous exterior and interior violations but the present owner, Deutsch Bank National Trust Company has not deposited funds into escrow for Class A as required for violations and there has not been any attempt to correct any of these violations. This has then lead to the fact that this property is very deteriorated, it is now a health hazard. It’s a hazard to the safety and welfare of the occupants and the public and is blighting and deteriorating factor in the neighborhood. Therefore, the City Council hereby finds and determines that pursuant to Chapter 553 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of

Cleveland Heights, that the premises owned by Deutsch Bank National Trust Company known as 875 Nelaview Road is in a state of disrepair to the extent that it constitutes a health and safety hazard and a blighting influence and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The City Manager and Certified Building Official and Director of Law are authorized and directed to cause the nuisance to be abated, according to Chapter 553. I offer Resolution No. 22-2009(PSH) for passage this evening.”

Vice Mayor Evans accepted Resolution No. 22-2009(PSH).

Roll Call: Ayes: Evans, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Dietrich

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Tumeo concluded, “We are going to be working with Deutsch Bank to see if we can get this completely abated. We’d like to see the building taken down, but because it is a bank owned property we have to work that legally through the bank. If we were to raise the entire building it would cost about \$8,000.00 and in the past we’ve worked with banks in this situation and they’ve actually paid to have that taken care of for us.

Finally, I just wanted to talk about the fact that we think very carefully about declaring nuisances, when these houses are involved, but we all know that this is a problem that is increasing in the city. I just wanted to take a moment to thank our housing director, Rick Wagner. In the past week alone I’ve had two or three calls about houses with problems. I give him a call and the next day someone’s out there working on it trying to find ways to take care of it. So, between the work that Mr. Wagner does to insure that the houses are kept up and in the summer when there is a problem with grass or anything, he makes sure that Alex and public service knows and they’re out there taking care of it. In these times when making cuts, it’s hard - everybody is working harder. I think these two have done a yeoman’s task of keeping this city in as good a shape as it is and will be very strongly placed when the economy does turn around, and it will eventually. I just want to give them a big thanks for what they’ve done for the city. That’s all, your Honor.”

#### **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Council Member Dietrich stated, “Thank you, your Honor. The only thing that I want to talk about tonight is that I want to call your attention to a series of programs that is being sponsored by a local non-profit, the Home Repair Resource Center. Throughout March and again in April and again in May, they will be doing a series of workshops on financial fitness. The are particularly geared to people who are preparing for home-ownership. Again, in these terrible times, where home prices are low and especially if you happen to be a person who does not currently own a house, that you would then have to sell and have a problem selling, you might be interested in thinking about purchasing your first home. These classes at the Home Repair Resource Center are geared for that. They will take place on Tuesday evenings, so every Tuesday in March from 6 to 8 is one series, and then if you didn’t get to go then, you could do the same thing on the Tuesday nights of April or the Tuesday nights of May from 6 to 8 o’clock.

These are the topics that will be covered - there’ll be a session on “Avoiding Delinquency & Understanding Refinancing.” The second session will be “Creditworthy Equals Choices” the third will be “Power of a Personal Budget” and the fourth will be “Understanding Mortgages and Selecting a Home” and then March will have a fifth, because there are five Mondays and that’s “Home Maintenance for New Homeowners.” These are free, at the Home Repair Resource Center, which is 2520 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., the only thing you would have to do is call and register, and that number is 216/ 381-6100. I know Home Repair Resource Center offers wonderful programs. They re-

ally are, our partner in keeping Cleveland Heights looking good and they would be your partner in helping you avoid some of the pitfalls that happen to people sometimes when they purchase a home without really doing a lot of the research ahead of time. I just urge you to attend those. That concludes my report.”

Vice Mayor Evans commented, “Next is Community Relations and Recreation Committee and standing in for me this evening is Council Member Dietrich, as Vice Chair of that committee.”

### **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Council Member Dietrich stated, “There is one piece of legislation for Community Relations. Resolution No. 23-2009(CRR), which recognizes March as Red Cross Month and declaring an emergency. In 1943, Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed the first Red Cross Month, to recognize the brave efforts of Red Cross volunteers who assisted the armed forces and their families during World War II. Today, nearly two thousand Red Cross volunteers and staff serve the greater Cleveland community by tending to victims of floods and other local disasters, helping families communicate quickly with military personnel when emergencies occur and serving as first aid and safety education instructors. This Council wishes to join other communities in Cuyahoga County in proclaiming March as Red Cross Month. This month will be designated in recognition of the contributions of Red Cross staff and volunteers in assisting members of the greater Cleveland community in times of war and natural disasters, as well as, providing every day services. I offer Resolution No. 23-2009(CRR) to be voted on as an emergency tonight.”

Vice Mayor Evans accepted Resolution No. 23-2009(CRR).

Roll Call: Ayes: Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Dietrich, Evans

Nays: None

Resolution passed

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council Member Montlack stated, “Thank you, your Honor. There is one piece of legislation from this committee. Resolution No. 24-2009(F) urging the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to use its own funds to demolish abandoned and distressed HUD properties, enabling the City of Cleveland Heights to use its Neighborhood Stabilization Program (“NSP”) funds for the renovation and /or demolition of other properties, and declaring an emergency.

This is one of a series of notices, resolutions, and communications involving HUD over the years and it comes to us, because HUD through the U.S. Government has taken control of a number of properties through the lending guarantees, of which many of us have heard - about which many of us have heard, during these past couple of unpleasant years, in this regard. You recall that some of the big lenders, like Deutsch Bank and Wells Fargo, also have an inventory of these properties, these are properties that have not paid the mortgage on and eventually went directly to the lender or back to the guarantor or got that way through sheriff sale.

These properties are known in the trade as “REOs” Real Estate Owned Inventory, and in this case, HUD. HUD right now, owns approximately fifteen hundred of these residential properties in the county, a number of which are in Cleveland Heights, as well as, other first suburbs. Over the years the problems that we have to continually get after HUD about, have involved participating in bulk sales - without checking out the buyers, so that the properties end up being recycled through clippers and speculators. We’ve had to try and communicate with HUD about its past practice of invoking U.S. Governmental immunity, so that it doesn’t have to pay attention to local housing inspection and other

attempts to keep the properties safe and esthetically pleasing, and of course along with that refusing to provide sufficient discounts to municipalities so that we can control the blight which HUD among other entities was instrumental in creating when it allowed this system of high-risk loans to continue to be perpetuated. There are a number of such problems and we've had continuing meetings.

I will only add this - it's kind of difficult to talk about any agency, as an entity, because you have many parts of an agency, and this is especially true with HUD. There are actually many HUDs. There's a HUD office that looks at - that monitors block grant funding. We're not talking about that part of it, but for those of you who are history majors, the only analogy I can give you - is it's about as efficient as the Czars of Russia was, and it works just as well, unfortunately. So, in this case - we're talking about - we're trying to say to HUD, as are many other cities, that have prevailed upon us to pass such a resolution - we're trying to say - not only to HUD, but to our representatives in congress, etc., that it doesn't make a lot of sense to send "X" dollars to cities and to other local government to take care of a housing problem when the entity - the agency that has control of these properties can help, by doing demolition, when demolition is necessary and thereby turning over less of a liability, perhaps, even a potential asset to cities.

We understand that the U.S. Government, giveth with one hand, and taketh away with another, but we're hoping somebody will pay attention to this resolution which provides that Council hereby urges HUD, first of all to listen to us for a change, and second of all to consider using its own funds to demolish abandoned and distressed HUD properties, so that the City of Cleveland Heights will have the ability to use its Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds for the renovation or demolition of other properties in the City. We are going to send copies of this resolution to all of our Congressional Representatives, our Senators and of course the President, he's eagerly awaiting this, and the HUD representatives. Therefore, Resolution No. 24-2009(F) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Vice Mayor Evans accepted Resolution No. 24-2009(F).

Roll Call: Ayes: Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Montlack

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Councilman Montlack concluded, "That completes this report. Thank you."

## **REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Council Member Caplan stated, "Thank you. I have no resolutions this evening. I do have a couple of announcements. One, don't forget that this weekend, we change our clocks - it's spring ahead time. It seems a little early, and if you have any clocks that get set because of the atomic clock that is somewhere in Nevada or wherever it is, your clock won't move for several weeks, because this is a relatively new thing. I think it was the first time last year that they changed when we changed daylight saving time. So, that's this weekend. I call it Saturday night, but it's really Sunday morning.

But this - I have something else that you really need to pay attention to. If you are in the Integrys City of Cleveland Heights natural gas aggregation program, you may or may not have received a letter, and if you did receive a letter, I hope you opened it, because if you are still on the fixed rate, you're being charged about \$12.99 mcf. You know that you can get gas a whole lot cheaper and you have already gotten probably a letter from a competitor, IGS, who says they'll charge you \$8.99, but if you are in our aggregation program and you have not switched to the flexible plan, do switch - please don't stay in the program you're in. Switch, because you can get for \$7.88 per mcf your gas for the next three months.

It's a variable program, it changes every three months.

For a whole variety of reasons, that I won't go into now - we got caught in a very high rate, because remember the rates were really high, until they started coming down in the end of August and September, so some people really didn't pay a lot of attention and it has been a very cold winter, and your bills must have been very high. This is an opportunity, since winter does not go away until, maybe May - if we're lucky. It certainly is not going to go away in March and even April, so make sure that you switch. There is no cost to switch. You need to be in our aggregation program, but I really urge you to pay attention to your bill and if you can't find the letter, the number you call is 888-566-1117, and that's the Cleveland Heights plan with natural gas aggregation and that's with Integrys. They will change you and there will be no cost to you to change. So, I encourage you to do that. That's all I have for tonight. Thank you."

## **REPORT OF THE VICE MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Evans commented, "Thank you for sharing that very timely information with everyone. We received a letter from our State Representative Barbara Boyd, dated February 9th that I would like to take a couple minutes to read.

The 128th General Assembly has taken their oath of office and a new session has begun. It is now time for all of us to roll up our sleeves and begin the business that must be accomplished throughout these next two years.

I have been named Chairperson of the House Health Committee. I will also serve on several committees, which will include Finance and Appropriations; Finance-Human Services Subcommittee; Housing and Urban Revitalization; Judiciary, and Rules and Reference Committee.

It is my honor to be a voice once more for the 9th District on these committees. My previous experience on the Health Committee and my extensive caring for my mother with Alzheimer's disease especially suits me to be an unwavering advocate for patients' and consumers' rights.

The Finance and Appropriations Committee introduces the Governor's budget to the House of Representatives, a task that holds particular importance this year due to the state's large deficit. Health Committee addresses issues of health care, health policy, and patients' issues. The Finance-Human Services Subcommittee will hear the human services appropriations in the budget. Judiciary will be dedicated to issues in relation to the administration of justice within the court system and Housing and Urban Revitalization was designed to strengthen our urban areas. Finally, Rules and Reference Committee decides which standing committee will receive a bill for further consideration. In addition, there are several special committees that I will be serving on which are the Ohio House Cancer Caucus; the Joint Legislative Committee on Health Care Oversight, and the Ohio Hepatitis Commission.

I will continue to push for legislation in areas of interest in health care (e.g., the Diabetes Reduction Act which I originally sponsored in 1994); foster care; predatory lending; human services; children and families; kinship care; Alzheimer's disease and aging; schools and education funding reform; economic development, and juvenile justice. In addition, I will pursue a memorial statute or plaque, in honor of the Ohio Tuskegee Airmen to be placed in the Statehouse.

My schedule will require my attendance in Columbus four days a week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I will be in the district on Friday and the weekends for my constituents and anyone that needs to see me. However, anyone is more than welcome to an appointment in Columbus or Sundays in Cleveland Heights.

This has been a very, very trying year for all seven of us, with the economic status that it is and certainly we would like to commend our staff who has been so hard working and diligent. You look at their faces and you see that their hearts are broken, so many people are not with us any longer and there have been so many changes, but we certainly appreciate the hard work that they've put in to this huge task of meeting the budgetary concerns.

I'd also like to commend my fellow Council Members. So often people would accuse us of not being very mindful, not being on top of things, but I want you to know that this team of folks works so very hard, and they are so dedicated and there is so much honesty involved on everyone's part that sits up here. There again, so often we hear that this trust that people have of elected officials. Cleveland Heights is just different, you know, we just don't operate with deceit and lying. We do believe that it is important for our wonderful residents to be apprised of things as early and as truthfully as possible. I guess one of the - there is an ad that's going to appear in a publication, and I just feel a need to read that and it just sums up why we're all here in Cleveland Heights.

### ***Location, Location, Location***

Cleveland Heights is just up the hill from University Circle, with its museums, colleges and world-renowned medical facilities - Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals - and is a convenient commute to downtown.

### ***Beautiful Homes, Many Choices***

Well known for its rich variety of housing options, Cleveland Heights has homes for those in all stages of life - from front-porch Colonials and Arts and Crafts bungalows to stately Tudors, historic mansions and exciting, new townhomes!

### ***Wonderful Amenities***

You'll find tree-lined streets, lovely parks and fine recreation facilities, excellent educational opportunities, authentic "main street" shopping with one-of-a-kind shops, award-winning restaurants, entertainment, theaters and more.

### ***Home to the Arts***

The arts are well represented in Cleveland Heights, as evidenced by the creative and talented people drawn to our city and the many arts organizations, galleries, studios and theaters located here.

Our residents form a vibrant, diverse community of involved citizens who care deeply about their city. Join us!

Since it's an ad to interest people in coming here, the last sentence states "Join us." Those of you who might be looking for a place to live, I certainly hope you will consider coming here. That concludes the Vice Mayor's Report this evening. The meeting adjourns at 8:20 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009. Hope to see more of you here then. Thank you for being here."

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Evans, Vice Mayor  
Vice President of Council

Thomas K. Malone  
Clerk of Council  
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## ACTIONS TAKEN BY COUNCIL

March 2, 2009

**APPROVED:** The City Manager to request authority to advertise for bids for path resurfacing at Cain Park and Denison Park, and an HVAC preventative maintenance contract.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2009(PD), PASSED:** amending Resolutions No. 118-2005 and 46-2005 to designate the Mayfield/Warrenville and the Mayfield/Lee Business Districts as additional Target Districts for the Storefront Renovation Program and to provide for signage grants for businesses in districts throughout the City; and declaring an emergency.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-2009(PSH), PASSED:** declaring the property at 875 Nelaview Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2009(CRR), PASSED:** recognizing March, 2009 as Red Cross Month in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring an emergency.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2009(F), PASSED:** urging the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to use its own funds to demolish abandoned and distressed HUD properties, enabling the City of Cleveland Heights to use its Neighborhood Stabilization Program ("NSP") funds for the renovation and demolition of other properties; and declaring an emergency.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE ORDINANCE NO.20-2009(PSH),** amending Chapter 751, Commercial Snow Removal, of Part Seven, Business Regulations, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to require the registration of persons providing commercial landscaping services within the City, to increase registration fees for persons subject to Chapter 751, to increase required property damage insurance limits for persons subject to Chapter 751, to prohibit the deposit of plant materials on the median strips, the paved portions of public rights-of-way and private property by persons subject to Chapter 751, to increase the penalty for second and subsequent offenses relating to the deposit of snow and plant material on the public rights-of-way and other unlawful locations by persons subject to Chapter 751 and to provide for revocation of permits for violations of the requirements of Chapter 751; and declaring an emergency. (3/2/09)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE ORDINANCE NO. 21-2009(PSH),** amending specified provisions of Chapter 1311, Administration, Fees and Penalty, of Part Thirteen, Building Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to raise the fees for some building permits in order to more adequately cover the City's costs associated therewith; and declaring an emergency. (3/2/09)