



CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:25 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

Staff present: Downey, Malone, Mannarino, Niermann O'Neil, L. Wagner, R. Wagner, Wong

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

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:45 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

Staff present: Downey, Malone, Mannarino, Niermann O'Neil, L. Wagner, R. Wagner, Wong

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, April 20, 2009 were approved and signed by Mayor Kelley along with the ordinance and resolutions passed at that meeting.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Downey stated, "Thank you very much, your Honor. I have just one item this evening. In your packets you received a copy of Bid Document No. 2009-07, also known as the purchase of fire hydrants. Your Honor, the lowest and best bidder for those hydrants is Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$105,810.00. Your Honor, I would request that the bid tabulation and award of contract be made a matter of record."

Mayor Kelley made it a matter of record.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Malone stated, "Your Honor, I have no report tonight."

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Dietrich stated, "I think this is going to be a short night. I have one piece of legislation tonight which is Ordinance No. 39-2009(AS), to approve current replacement pages to the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances; and declaring an emergency. This is something that we do every year, the various ordinances that we have passed in Council here during our meetings. We enter into a contract with the Walter H. Drane Company and he prepares and publishes a revision to our code where he compiles the new ordinances so that they fit into the code in the chapters and sections and under the titles where they should fit. What this legislation does is approves the list of ordinances basically that he compiles so that we have a new and revised codified ordinances every year. This legislation approves and adopts the changes that Walter H. Drane has given us. I offer Ordinance No. 39-2009(AS) for passage."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 39-2009(AS).

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

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

Council Member Dietrich added, "I have one thing that I want to talk about and I hope this is more interesting than our little housekeeping piece of legislation and this is about the next local elections that will take place six months from now in November. Now is the time that I know I'm getting a lot of emails from people who are declaring publicly that they are running for seats on our city council and so I feel like it's time to say that I will not be seeking reelection next fall. I sort of hesitated to say it out loud on tv because it feels like sort of a self-important thing to do, like really why would anybody care, but people are beginning to ask me and so I want to say, yes, in fact it is true I will be retiring at the end of this term which will be at the end of the year and so, yes, it is true that there will be an open seat on Council this fall. Already, I think there are six or seven people interested in the position. I just want to say in case anybody wonders and speculates my decision to retire has no negative overtones. I have loved - I still love being on this council having hugely positive feelings for my city, our staff, my colleagues. It is wonderful being on this council, wonderful working with these people, but I also believe in the value of new ideas and I believe in the value of taking turns, that sounds like something from kindergarten, but I know people want a turn at this job. So I don't regard it as mine to keep forever. I do believe in stability and that's something that people are saying to me, "But, oh we want stability". We have stability, that is something that we have an abundance of here. This group trusts each other. We are able to get things done together and I don't think that will be in jeopardy by losing one person. I think now what we really need is some new ideas, some new perspective. I think it would be good to have somebody who has a better financial sense than I do. I'm not somebody that has ideas on how to bring economic stability to this city and I think that, that is needed in this time. I hope that we will benefit by having somebody new who will be a little more questioning and challenging than it becomes when all of us have been together for such a long time, because we have developed our own way of working together. My hope is that Cleveland Heights' voters will chose somebody who loves this city, not somebody who is there to complain and tell us all the things that are wrong and that they know to fix them, but at least somebody with a great love for Cleveland Heights, because it certainly is a wonderful place. That concludes my report."

Mayor Kelley stated, "Thank you. It's been a wonderful twelve years and we're going to miss you."

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council Member Evans stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is no legislation this evening. I would like to remind our residents that we have our annual Memorial Day ceremony which is held at Cumberland Park at the Veteran's Memorial and that is Monday, the 25th at 10:00 a.m. I certainly want to encourage everyone's attendance at that really nice program.

I want to also encourage our residents if they have any concerns and if their neighbors have concerns and these concerns concern things getting out-of-hand and you need city hall to talk to you, please call the Community Relations' office and schedule a time that perhaps there could be a street meeting. We understand that sometimes the rumors get out-of-hand and if you are not going to seek out getting the good answers then that's not good for our city. So, I want to encourage you to call the Community Relations' department so that we can have an opportunity to answer those concerns.

The other thing is we're getting ready for our pool opening, so get your swimsuits out. The end of the month, the last weekend of May the pool is open and then the following weekend and I believe after that it's open every day. So we want you to get ready for the great season and hopefully we're going to have a nice hot summer with very few rain days. That concludes my report."

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Montlack stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is one piece of legislation tonight from this committee, Resolution No. 37-2009(F), As Amended, Second Reading, authorizing the reprogramming and reallocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds; and declaring an emergency. It relates to taking some funds from one or more of the block grant program funding and transferring those funds where they will be more needed. There are four such items. The first two were read as part of this resolution in the last meeting. All four of these have gone through the discussion at the Citizens Advisory Committee for Block Grant Funding and received approval. The first such change is to take from the Storefront Loans Low-Moderate Fund and put in a closely related fund for Management Consultants as a contracted matter to assist in the Storefront Program. That will be \$40,000.00. The second is \$50,000.00 from the same Storefront Loans LMI Program to put into the Storefront Grants LMI Program. This is an expanded program in new target areas where the commercial development has not been as fast paced as in some of our other commercial districts. Those two, as I said, were discussed somewhat at our last meeting. The third is \$15,000.00 from the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund into Section 108 Interest Expense Fund for payment of that loan item and at the same time \$67,000.00 from the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund into Section 108 Principal Expense. Because when you pay down a loan you pay interest and a little bit to principal based on the first years. That is Resolution No. 37-2009(F), As Amended, Second Reading, for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 37-2009(F), As Amended, Second Reading.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Montlack continued, "Thank you. There is another program by a community organization that is absolutely invaluable and the Home Repair Resource Center for the past couple

of months has been running an educational program relating to financial literacy, preparing folks for home ownership. With everything that we've been hearing about for the past several years, we know there are a cast of villains who have cast the nation into financial darkness. You know everything from Wall Street to local scam artists, so the stories go. The one sure defense for every individual is some basic financial literacy, something that has truly been lacking probably for as long as I've been around, at least. In this last month of this program by HRRC there will be four weekly sessions that probably no one will be interested in because it's free, but if they would only charge something you'd get a lot of people, I think, signing up. Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5th the program will be 'Avoiding Delinquency and Understand Refinancing'. Exactly one week from that on the 14th, 'Credit Worthy Equals Choices', and you can see these titles are kind of self-explanatory. A week after that on May 21st is 'Power of a Personal Budget', and finally on May 28th, 'Understanding Mortgages and Selecting a Home'. All these programs are 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are thinking of buying a home, if you have a mortgage and you've fallen behind or you're almost there and you have questions and want to basically understand these essentials, this would be a terrific opportunity. Now the programs are at the Home Repair Resource Center at 2520 Noble Road. As I said, runs from 6:00 to 8:00 and you can call ahead, ask questions about the program, register by calling area code 216-381-6100. This is the last month when these programs will be run and they will be very informative. Just two hours a night and that concludes this report. Thank you."

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Caplan stated, "Thank you. I have two pieces of legislation. The first is Ordinance No. 40-2009(MS), authorizing an agreement with Gardiner Trane for HVAC Systems Preventative Maintenance through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The City's contract for HVAC Systems Preventative Maintenance has expired; and the Ohio Revised Code authorizes municipal corporations and other governmental entities to purchase supplies, equipment and services through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program without obtaining competitive bids. We have been participating in this since 1988. The City Manager has determined that the necessary services may be obtained through this Program at a lower price than could be obtained through bidding or a professional services contract, and that it would be in the City's best interests to purchase said services by this means. Therefore, be it ordained by this City Council that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with Gardiner Trane for HVAC Systems Preventative Maintenance through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program. The service agreement shall be for a term of three years, from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2012, at an annual cost of Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$58,224.00). The agreement shall be terminable by either party at any time upon thirty (30) days notice, and shall be automatically renewable for additional one (1) year terms if not so terminated. The agreement and all related documents shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law and notice of passage shall be given. I offer Ordinance No. 40-2009(MS) for passage tonight as an emergency."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 40-2009(MS).

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

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. Now I have Resolution No. 41-2009(MS), and every year it's my pleasure to be able to do this one. This is a Resolution proclaiming May of 2009 as Mental Health Month and promoting the *Live Your Life Well* campaign; and declaring an emergency.

National Mental Health Month was first observed in 1949, and has helped to improve the health and lives of millions of Americans by letting people know that caring for their minds, as well as their bodies, is good for overall health and key to their success at home, at work and at school. With increasing economic troubles piled on to the stress of work or unemployment and family demands, more and more Americans are suffering, with 58% of Americans reporting struggling in their lives by the end of 2008, an increase of more than 22 million since the beginning of the year. In recognition of the current difficult times, the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board has joined with Mental Health American and numerous other agencies, governmental entities and organizations to promote the *Live Your Life Well* campaign during 2009 Mental Health Month. The purpose of the *Live Your Life Well* campaign is to provide people with 10 specific, research-based tools that can combat stress and promote mental health and well-being. This Council wishes to join with the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board and cities throughout this nation to recognize May as Mental Health Month and to promote the *Live Your Life Well* campaign. Therefore, be it resolved by this Council that we proclaim May of 2009 as Mental Health Month in the City of Cleveland Heights and declares its support of the *Live Your Life Well* campaign. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to William M. Denihan, CEO of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, and County Commissioners Jimmy Dimora, Timothy F. Hagan and Peter Lawson Jones. Notice of passage shall be given and I offer Resolution No. 41-2009(MS) tonight.”

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 41-2009(MS).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Caplan continued, “Thank you. The spring has certainly arrived and it is gorgeous out, the trees are beautiful, the grass is growing, the dandelions are making sunshine in peoples’ lawns. It’s really quite lovely and it’s a time that people start to think about mowing their lawns, taking out the winter debris from beneath their shrubs and planting. I have a couple of suggestions. You know it’s about recycling. When you put your debris from your lawn into a bag, because you know you’re not putting it into a pile make sure that bag is paper because if you put it in a plastic bag it will not be picked up by the city because that plastic bag is not recyclable. So would you remember about that and put it in a paper bag and it will disappear more or less around your garbage day. All of those containers, if you decide you want to beautify your grounds, the containers that have the little flowers that you take out and put in the dirt or a shrub or a tree most of those containers also are recyclable and they have a little triangle on the bottom of them so gather them up, don’t put them in the trash, put in a recyclable container or stack them together and on your garbage day they will be recycled. To help you remember about that, the city got a grant and it’s really quite marvelous, and we have a new magnet that says, *Cleveland Heights Recycles* and it has all the things that you might think about recycling and it has *yeses* and *nos*. Aerosol cans, the answer is no. Styrofoam, the answer is no, but of course we have lots of things like catalogs, magazines, cardboard boxes, which reminds me that May and June start those marriage months and when people get married - and graduation, they get lots of presents and the presents come in boxes - recycle those boxes. Don’t throw them away in the trash, recycle them and you’ll be doing a wonderful thing for the environment. But if you want to you can get one of these, even used motor oil we recycle. If you’d like one of these or you know some people that would like them you can either call 291-2323 and that’s Community Relations or you can come here and get one. We’d be happy to give them to you. We got a grant to have these produced and we’d be happy to share them with you. I have mine up on my refrigerator already. When you are thinking about how beautiful it is outside, think about on how you can help maintain it in a beautiful way and you can help take care of our environment and that’s all I have. Thank you.”

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have two resolutions from this committee tonight. Resolution No. 42-2009(PD), declaring May 2009 as National Preservation Month; and declaring an emergency. Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability. Certainly it is relevant for all communities across the nation, especially for ours here in Cleveland Heights. "*This Place Matters!*" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2009, cosponsored by the City of Cleveland Heights and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This legislation essentially contains two pages of activities that our City engages in to encourage historic preservation. Staff has certainly initiated a wide variety of projects and services to preserve and promote our City's historic resources and encourage design professionals and their clients to invest in historic preservation, including helping residents research their home's history, entering original building permit data into a database, furnishing historic photographs, providing on-site rehabilitation advice on topics such as paint color selection, paint removal, and window repair, and working with businesses through the Storefront Grant and Loan Programs. The City has shown dedication to promoting the city's history, architecture and its historic preservation through our Heritage Home Loan Program. Other programs include our Landmark Commission which continues to recognize the City's historic architecture throughout the City, our Historical Center at Superior Schoolhouse, collaboration with Cleveland Heights and University Heights, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, the Cleveland Heights Historical Society and Cleveland State University that created the web exhibit entitled *Cleveland Heights & University Heights, Ohio: A Collection of Historic Images*. For the last several years, the City of Cleveland Heights has organized and co-sponsored the Schoolhouse lecture series, partnering with the Cleveland Heights Historical Society and FutureHeights. This month to celebrate Preservation Month, there will be a *May 9th, Lecture and Walking Tour of Grant W. Deming's Forest Hill Allotment*; *May 17th, Sharing and Preserving our Communities' History*; and *May 21st, The Greenest Building is Already Built, Sustainability and Historic Preservation*. I am pleased to present this Resolution where Council hereby proclaims May 2009 as National Preservation Month and calls upon the residents of the City of Cleveland Heights to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance. I offer Resolution No. 42-2009(PD) for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 42-2009(PD).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Wilcox continued, "Thank you and next I have Resolution No. 43-2009(PD), authorizing the City Manager to submit a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program; and declaring an emergency. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (otherwise known as the Stimulus Package passed by Congress) authorized a \$1.5 billion Homeless Prevention Fund administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The Fund may provide for a variety of types of assistance including short-term or medium-term rental assistance, security and/or utility deposits, utility payments, credit counseling, mediation, moving cost assistance, and case management services. The City has been advised that it will be receiving over a three year period Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$715,677.00). The City's

plan is to coordinate with the Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland and the City of Lakewood to provide services through the Cuyahoga County's Department of Homeless Services Continuum of Care Program. The acceptance of these funds, we believe, would be of benefit to the City of Cleveland Heights and its residents.

This is actually the first step in which will be a series of pieces of legislation and this is actually authorizing us to apply for and receive the funding. The next steps will be to work with the Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care Program to ensure that the money that is allocated here will be coming back to Cleveland Heights to benefit our residents and so we will be approving subsequent legislation to make sure that, that happens.

Section 1 of this Resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program to receive funding through the Homeless Prevention Fund. The City Manager is further authorized to enter into an agreement with HUD to accept such funding, in a form approved by the Director of Law, and to take all other actions necessary to administer such funding in accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. I authorize Resolution No. 43-2009(PD) for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 43-2009(PD).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Wilcox continued, "Thank you. I just had a couple comments. I think it's important to point out that this is a substantial amount of money coming through the Stimulus package to our city and we've also received some money through our block grant funding. As we do this, it's not so simple as simply saying that we're going to get \$715,000.00, we know exactly where it's going to go, when we're going to receive it, etc., but it is important and I have to congratulate our staff for working so hard to go out there and receive these grants and the stimulus money that is out there to make sure that our city gets its fair share and that we will ultimately see the benefit of this money flowing into our community. Certainly all these programs will ultimately benefit our residents and our community. So, again, I thank them for that.

My one other comment, I certainly will have more things to say, but I'm glad that Councilwoman Dietrich will be sitting next to me at least for the rest of the year and it's certainly been a pleasure being next to her on my time on council, but I'll have a lot more to say about that later in the year.

Finally, I want to say just from a personal experience I know that many of those wedding present boxes are recyclable. I found out last night that the Crate & Barrel boxes are completely recyclable because they have a plastic handle and the rest is cardboard. I would encourage anybody to recycle. That's my report."

Mayor Kelley added, "Dennis, Saturday night was the proud father of the bride, his daughter Colleen and her husband Jason right here at Oakwood Country Club, a beautiful affair attended by many and congratulations to you."

Council Member Wilcox thanked the Mayor.

Mayor Kelley continued, "They are headed back to Washington."

Council Member Wilcox interjected, "They should be there."

Mayor Kelley continued, "They are going on their honeymoon in June?"

Council Member Wilcox answered, "Middle of June, yes."

Mayor Kelley added, "Dennis will be recycling for sure or else Bonnie will come over his house if he doesn't."

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Tumeo stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have one piece of legislation tonight. This is Ordinance No. 44-2009(PSH), amending specified sections of Part Three, Traffic Code, and Part Five, General Offenses Code to conform such Ordinances to current State Law; and declaring an emergency.

We do this every year at this time. It is kind of a companion piece of legislation that was read by Councilwoman Dietrich. What this does is many of the ordinances that we have within the city including Traffic Code, General Offenses, various crimes - those kinds of things are actually controlled by State Law. So when the State legislature changes the law we have to modify our ordinances to come into compliance with State Law and that's what this does and we do this on a yearly basis. There is a packet of these changes that is about thirty pages long and I was going to attempt a dramatic reading for your edification, but instead I'm going to give you a few little highlights of what this Ordinance is doing. For example, as you all may have known the State recently changed the rules on Probationary Licensing for minors. This will bring our ordinances into compliance with this so that a person of less than 17 years of age operating a motor vehicle cannot have more than one person who is not a family member, to try to make sure that these younger drivers stay focused on driving. Other interesting things - I always enjoy reading this every year because it kind of lets you know where our legislature is focusing their important attention. We are now allowed to use retractable studded tires as long as we don't extend the studs outside of the period from November 1 to April 15th. They have now made it official that you are only allowed to ride on the seat of a bicycle or a motorcycle. You are not allowed to ride on the handlebars now. It is no longer legal. Some interesting things that show the technology of our time. We have on the statutes under State Law, Prohibitions for Voyeurism for taking pictures of people through their windows in various states of undress. It is now also illegal to do that with a video taping camera, just in case anyone was thinking about that. There are actually two associated with the new handgun rules and with concealed weapons. There are now more restrictions on carrying handguns in your car, how you can carry that when you're pulled over by a policeman. This has been an ongoing problem in terms of people who have concealed license, they have a handgun in the glove box, they are pulled over for an offense and that they don't tell the police and they get in trouble for having a gun. So there are some new rules on that. Also, if you're a concealed weapon carrier, you fall under now Vehicle Rules if you are in an all electric vehicle, because the way the code was before it only applied to combustion engine vehicles. So we have managed to change that. The two other ones of note were both Assault and Domestic Violence have been modified to enhance the penalties for those including mandatory jail term if in either instance the individual assaulted was pregnant and the offender knew that the individual was pregnant. So that is just a summary of some of the changes that this Ordinance makes. These are all State Law changes that we come into compliance with and therefore I enter Ordinance No. 44-2009(PSH) for passage on first reading tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 44-2009(PSH).

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

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

Council Member Tumeo continued, "Thank you. Just two other things. One and I'm sure we'll have more time to do this. I will miss having Nancy at the table with me. Experience and stability are important, but what Nancy brings to this council is truly the heart of Cleveland Heights. I've never met anyone who really got that aspect of being on Council and I hope to some extent I'm learning that. You're an outstanding person to work with and I'm glad you're going to be here for several months.

A couple other things from Public Health and Safety. As Councilwoman Caplan said, the summer is upon us, spring's here, grass is growing along with the dandelions at least in my yard there are more dandelions than grass, but you will be seeing that there are houses in your neighborhood that might be unfortunately unoccupied at the present time and you know if that grass gets out of control it looks bad and you can always call the city and we try and take care of it. In keeping with the idea of *Live Your Life Well*, we've been talking with many neighborhood groups who want to know how do we come together as a neighborhood to help these kind of things. If you are on a street next door to a house that is unoccupied and you're cutting your grass, take five minutes and cut that lawn. It's not going to cost you too much in terms of time, but it will help the city a great deal and it'll help your neighborhood. What we do now is when we're out walking our dog, we take a garbage bag and we do some liter patrol. We're out there walking anyway. So, there are little things like that we can do. Take some responsibility. The city has cut a lot of things. Our service staff is down. We have three people doing the job of eight. For lawn pickup, we have one person doing lining of streets where we used to have four. These people are working hard and the more we can group up and try and make our neighborhoods look good, be proud of our city we can group together to live our lives well. I would encourage you to do that as part of being a resident of Cleveland Heights. That's my report tonight."

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Kelley stated, "I want to just take a minute and congratulate our very own Cleveland Cavaliers, especially Coach Mike Brown, who was voted Coach of the Year about a week and a half ago and today, maybe a year or two too late, but we'll take it anyway, LeBron James who was voted the MVP of the league by outstanding numbers and the only sadness I have is that Danny Ferry did not get the General Manager of the Year Award which would have been a clean sweep for our team, our coach and our general manager. Councilman Montlack mentioned those Tuesday nights a lot of us will be watching the Cavaliers the next few Tuesdays and hopefully way into June and maybe only four games in the final series, but they are doing great and the commercial areas - especially the restaurants, bars are doing great business in the last week and a half - well, not the last week and a half because they haven't been playing for the last week and a half, but the first week. Onward Cavaliers, we're all rooting for you.

This meeting is adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2009. Thank you for coming."

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Kelley, Mayor
President of Council

Thomas K. Malone
Clerk of Council

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