



CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:12 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

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

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

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:40 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

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

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, June 1, 2009 were approved and signed by Mayor Kelley along with the ordinance and resolutions passed at that meeting.

"I am Elliot Posner. I live at 2376 Kenilworth Road. I appreciate you giving me a chance to say a few words. I'd like to talk about the variance request for the Rose Institution."

Mayor Kelley interjected, "[BZA] Calendar No. 3183."

Mr. Posner continued, "That's [it] exactly. I do appreciate, at your meeting two weeks ago, that you delayed your decision. I submitted a last minute e-mail voicing some of my concerns. I live in a house that is directly across from the property in question here and unfortunately I didn't get notification, even though it was mailed to me, it came afterwards. So, I submitted my concerns in writing and then there was a delay and I'm pleased to say that since that time I've been in communication with Kara

O'Donnell and Mary Marita of Benjamin Rose and I do think that the variance - I would be in support of the variance with a few adjustments, that I think Ms. O'Donnell has submitted - where there is some kind of guarantee that the lane won't, in the future, turn into a parking lot. This is - I don't know if you are familiar? Kenilworth - it's part of Kenilworth that was historically cut-off from the rest of Kenilworth. It's a quiet street. It's a quiet corner and it's actually - it's a very interesting part of the city. It's connected to the Mews, which I'm sure you know about. There is also a pedestrian pathway from the Waldorf. So all these people coming from the Waldorf - over on Overlook, cross over onto our lane and then cross Euclid Heights Boulevard to Starbucks and Dave's. So it's a really nice neighborhood and the parking is a delicate matter on the street and we just didn't want that to happen. So, I do support it and that's my narrow concern. The broader concern - I think I'm like a lot of my neighbors. We recently organized into an association of - perhaps you're aware of it. We're concerned that these issues are arising one at a time and they almost always have similar issues connected with them, about parking and so that's why we've organized ourselves and we're hoping that we can be part of planning when issues arise - that instead of us reacting and having to come to you in a panic, that we can be part of the planning and the process as a whole. In particular, I am very interested in the traffic on Euclid Heights Boulevard and figuring out a way so that all these pedestrians going to Starbucks and Dave's can cross the street without endangering their lives. I do support the variance, as long as there are some kind of conditions in there that they're going to meet the agreement that if the occupants - if more occupants have cars than they estimate, then they'll continue to purchase additional city parking across the street. I think that's very fair and it'll keep us from turning a lane into a parking lot. Thank you."

Mayor Kelley responded, "You'll be happy to know that we, being the City of Cleveland Heights, and the City of Shaker Heights are working with the regional transit authority at University Circle about how to use transportation better in and around, obviously Cleveland Heights - Shaker Heights - University Circle - that includes bus traffic, rapid transit, pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic. Mr. Downey, NOACA is also involved with us on this?"

Mr. Downey responded, "Yes."

Mayor Kelley continued, "So we are doing that very thing as we speak. It's going to take a while. I'm not going to have an answer for you tomorrow, but we are concerned too about people movement in and out of that area, Cedar-Fairmount area, the Euclid Heights-Cedar [area] and we want to make it more safe. We want to make it more bike-friendly, to be very honest with you."

"My name is Kathy Browning. I live on Kenilworth Road, across a street from Elliot. I would like to just thank you and particularly Kara O'Donnell for responding to us and then responding to us with a solution. So we were really delighted. Actually, amazingly delighted at the e-mails that went back and forth and her organization in kind of figuring it out. All we asked for, which I think is a solution here, that, assuming there are more residents than there are parking spaces someone gets the new resident's parking space by moving the employee to the public lot and I think it's an easy answer and the lane is left open for visitors as would want *[sic]*. What happens is that lane is tiny. We're not as fragile as Herrick Mews, but it's still a tiny little place. If cars are on both sides of that lane, it's one-way. Someone waits for the other person and we've had days when Elliot and I were saying, "What is going on over there?" Where are all these cars coming from? And I think we found out now what kind of employees who didn't want to pay for the city lot and they're parking in the lane and I think now it's also been resolved. So, I'm really just here to say thank you, because it was an amazingly rapid and easy conclusion and solution. So, thank you."

Mayor Kelley responded, "Thank you, Kathy, and to your point about cars parking on both sides of the street, we really wouldn't want that either, whether it be for a fire or EMS units or for our police

to get in and out of there, we do not want leave that part of the city unprotected or in an event of a 911 emergency or god forbid a fire or both, we want to make sure people can get in there and do their job.”

Ms. Browning added, “Yes, parking on both sides of the street there is no room to get by.”

Mayor Kelley continued, “It would be virtually impossible. Correct.”

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Downey stated, “Yes, your Honor. I have two items this evening. In your packets you received a copy of Bid Document No. 2009-05, the Yellowstone Road Water Main Replacement Project. The lowest and best bidder is the Camino Construction Company in the amount of \$309,027.00. Also, you received Bid Document No. 2009-06, the 2009 Street Resurfacing Program. The lowest and best bidder is the Burton Scot Company in the amount of \$1,530,856.25. Your Honor, I would request that the bid tabulation and the award of contract be made a matter of record.”

Mayor Kelley made them a matter of record.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CLERK OF COUNCIL

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

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Caplan stated, “Thank you. I have two pieces of legislation. The first is Resolution No. 57-2009(MS), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Consulting Engineering, Inc. for a waterline survey; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

We’ve heard about this for many years. This is about when we hire a company and he drives down the street late at night, with sort of a stethoscope-kind of apparatus that listens for water leaks, so that we can find out where the water leaks are and before they bubble up to the surface in a geyser and also before they cost us millions of dollars we can plug those leaks. In previous years this Council has authorized the City Manager to enter into agreements with Consulting Engineering, Inc., formerly known as Central Engineering, Inc., for the performance of waterline leakage surveys of the City’s water distribution system. As a result of repairs of leaks detected by said surveys, water losses due to leakage were substantially reduced, resulting in a higher percentage of the water purchased from the City of Cleveland being billed to consumers versus being just lost. It would be in the City’s best interest to conduct such a survey in 2009; and Consulting Engineering, Inc. has presented to the City an estimate of the costs and a description of the professional services it proposes to perform relating to this project, and is well-qualified to perform all work contemplated; and it has been determined that the rates set forth in the proposal of Consulting Engineering, Inc. are reasonable and competitive. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the performance of a waterline survey. The fees for the services shall be at the Engineer’s usual hourly rates, plus expenses, with total fees and costs not to exceed the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). Notice of passage shall be given and this Resolution declared an emergency for passage tonight. So, I offer Resolution No. 57-2009(MS) for passage tonight.”

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 57-2009(MS).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. Now I have Resolution No. 58-2009(MS), authorizing an agreement with Ruff Neon and Lighting Maintenance for emergency repair of the outdoor lighting system at Forest Hill Park; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. Lightning recently struck two large light poles at Forest Hill Park, causing substantial damage. In order to ensure the safety of patrons and park employees and to keep the Park and ballfields operational (and safe for all those ballplayers) it was necessary to perform emergency repair work to the lighting system. The City Manager and Assistant Public Works Director recommended emergency repair work be performed by Ruff Neon and Lighting Maintenance, who was already in the City parks performing routine maintenance and whose charges for the proposed emergency work were reasonable and competitive. The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Ruff Neon and Lighting Maintenance. The agreement shall provide for compensation for materials, equipment and labor in the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Six and 60/100 Dollars (\$32,006.60). Council determines that the emergency repairs were necessary to provide essential services to the citizens of Cleveland Heights. Notice of passage shall be given and this Resolution shall be declared an emergency for passage tonight and I offer Resolution No. 58-2009(MS) for passage."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 58-2009(MS).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. I have two things I wanted to comment on. One was, the two people who just talked about the problem on Kenilworth. Actually it's a very interesting thing that happened and I'm rather sorry that they left, because they discovered what happens when you come together with their neighbors and look at what issues are and then calmly even present them to the city for resolution. Two things happened. One is that got something they wanted and which is really good for the neighborhood. And the other is, is that they formed a neighborhood - they made their neighborhood more of a community. They got together. They had an event. They are having another event and they will all become more neighborly, more community-minded and it's really a wonderful thing that happens here. It's like block parties. You get to know your neighbors, people feel better about it. If an issue comes along or even a non-issue comes along and they want to talk about how can we have block parties, it's really a wonderful thing that happened.

The other thing is another wonderful thing happened, Cain Park opened. If you haven't been to Cain Park this is the season. You should really come. Last night I had the pleasure of going to the Doo Wops. It was a fabulous rock n' roll night. It was a group that had played in 1972 to 1979. They were Heights High students and they haven't been together since '79 and they had the best time and so did the 12 to 1,500 people who came to hear them. It was a free concert with donations encouraged and accepted and it was so much fun. I knew all the words to all the songs. It doesn't usually happen to the concerts that I go to there. But, it was really great and it was the opening of the season, so do go online, look at the book you might have gotten. Ticketmaster has the tickets. You can go down and buy the tickets. Tuesdays are \$2.00 Tuesdays. The environment is fantastic and the entertainment is always interesting. Sometimes it's wonderful, sometimes it's nice, so give yourself a treat and go to something in your neighborhood - you'll really love it, and you're home in ten minutes, no matter where you live in Cleveland Heights. It's fabulous. That's all I have. Thank you."

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is no legislation, but we did defer a BZA Calendar matter 3183 from the last meeting and Councilwoman Dietrich will now take that one up."

Council Member Dietrich stated, "Thank you. BZA Calendar No. 3183 involves Benjamin Rose Properties LLC at 2373 Euclid Heights Boulevard, in an MF3 Multi-Family District, and this is what the two citizen speakers were talking about. Benjamin Rose has requested a variance from the dwelling unit and parking regulations of the Zoning Code, to permit 36 one-bedroom 2nd and 3rd floor senior apartments, 32 of which will be smaller than 600 square feet with no additional parking to be provided. Whereas, the Zoning Code requires senior apartments be a minimum of 600 square feet and requires one space for each dwelling unit at least half of which shall be enclosed. The Board of Zoning Appeals did find practical difficulty in complying with the Code because this is an adaptive reuse of an existing building. They are doing this on the second and third floors of the Benjamin Rose Institute and thus requires flexibility. Also, in terms of the size, there is a discrepancy between HUD requirements for senior apartments and the City's Zoning Code. So this is a minimum alteration of the Code to remedy that discrepancy. The second part of the variance is based on the facts that current usage of the existing senior apartments need many fewer spaces than the Code requires and leaves many available parking spaces for the tenants that will be in these new apartments. The Board of Zoning Appeals did authorize the variance and they put on the condition that all construction be completed within 18 months of approval. I do offer BZA Calendar No. 3183."

Second by Vice Mayor Evans.

Mayor Kelley asked if there was an amendment.

Council Member Dietrich added, "Yes. I would like to offer the amendment which stated, 'The applicant and its landlord shall be required to provide off-street parking for all of this building's residents, and staff who work more than two consecutive hours. If such parking cannot be provided on-site, the applicant or its landlord shall make such parking available off-site through purchase of off-site employee parking passes in a city or private parking lot'."

Second to amendment by Council Member Caplan.

Mayor Kelley called for a vote on the amendment only.

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

Nays: None

Motion to amend passed

Mayor Kelley called for the vote for BZA Calendar No. 3183, As Amended, for confirmation.

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

Nays: None

Resolution Confirmed, As Amended

Council Member Wilcox continued, "Thank you. Again, there is no legislation, but I did want to make a comment and this is an update. Last year Council asked the Planning Commission to update the City's Strategic Development Plan. As you may recall the City adopted a Strategic Development Plan

in 1988, which was updated in 1993. Since those plans were adopted and just since 1997, development activities in our city have resulted in total investment of over 320 million dollars in over 70 projects. Most of this was private investment and that number does not include over 17 million dollars of investment for the community center, Veterans' Memorial rehabilitation and the historic school house renovation. Pursuant to these development plans, the City targeted commercial development and directed its resources to projects ranging from the rebuilt Severance Town Center, including Kaiser's over 50 million dollar investment and the new Zagara's supermarket on Lee Road, and two new businesses such as the Cleveland Violins and NeuroWave on Mayfield Road. The city assisted in the foundation of three separate special improvement districts in the Coventry, Cedar-Fairmount and Cedar-Lee areas. New restaurants and outdoor dining, new streetscapes, summer events and fairs and a strong local merchant base are just a few of the obvious results of these investments. The Plan also targeted city resources towards new and renovated housing. Over 300 new housing units and a dozen new projects and millions of dollars of low-interest loans from the county's Heritage Home and Low-Interest Loan Programs have been essential in attracting and keeping residents in our city. All of this, of course, comes with a targeted subsidy from various federal, state and local government programs marshaled by the city. Out of the 320 million about 21 million dollars or about 7% of the total invested came from these resources. Yet, the city's debt burden today is relatively low, about two and a half percent (2 1/2 %) of its total assessed property evaluation. Despite these successes, Council realized last year that it was time to update our Strategic Development Plan. Although our Visioning Process in 2000 and 2001 largely validated many of the projects and development plans that we had implemented, it was time for a fresh look. Moreover, economic forces, many beyond our control stretched our city's resources. A failed tax levy to more closely match our income tax rate with some of our neighboring cities and the housing foreclosure crisis and subsequent economic meltdown have forced us to cut our city's budget by millions of dollars. That is why, we in part, ask our Planning Commission to review our strategic plan with the new emphasis on economic development to increase our tax base even further. Despite staff cut backs in our Planning staff, our staff did research our activities since 1997 and updated that information and in February of this year delivered an updated plan to our Planning Commission for their review, discussion, and refinement. Although, Planning Commission has now reviewed that information, pressing Commission business the last several meetings have prevented them from reviewing that at this point. However, in July the Planning Commission has set aside time to begin further review of the Strategic Development Plan and we look forward to the next several months receiving some feedback on our staff's work. While our development activities in recent months have hit a lag with the current recession, we are confident that with the work of the Planning Commission and our staff that we will be well-placed for new development in years ahead as the economy improves so that we can keep our city vibrant and strong. That concludes my report."

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Tumeo stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have no legislation tonight, but I have one brief announcement. The third Thursdays of the month are the Coventry Street Fair, so as a safety matter I want to make sure that you remember that this coming Thursday, Coventry will be closed from Mayfield to Euclid Heights, so if you are coming home from work from sixish or so, not a good idea. You might want to go a different way. Go somewhere else, park and come down to the street fair on foot. It's a lot of fun. I thank you."

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Dietrich stated, "Thank you. I have a number of board and commission appointments and reappointments and *thankings* to do tonight. We'll start with the Commission on Aging. First of all, we'd like to thank Elsie Day, who has actually served as the Commission President

for a while and Louise Tufts and our gerontologist, Patricia Baskin, for all having served the maximum time allowed which is four two-year terms. These three women will definitely be missed by their partners on the Commission on Aging. So I have replacements for Elsie and Louise, who are two very enthusiastic members. One is Jane Crawford, who lives on North St. James and has been here for 44 years and the other is David Schatzman from Ormond Road who is a 13 year resident. To take the place of Patricia Baskin, the gerontologist who need not be a resident, I'd like to offer Roy Call who is a vice president at Judson Retirement Community. He is a former long-time resident of Cleveland Heights, but within the past couple of years has moved to his empty-nest place in Bratenhal-on-the-Lake. These three terms will all be two year terms beginning on July 1st and extending until June 30, 2011 at which time they could all be reappointed if they choose to. I would like to offer that group of people for the Commission on Aging."

Second by Council Member Wilcox.

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

Nays: None

Appointments passed

Council Member Dietrich continued, "We'll move onto the Recreation Advisory Board which is another board that has term limits. This time the term limits are ten years. Tim Collins who has been President of this Board and Wanda Solaru have reached the limits that they can serve and sadly must retire with the city's appreciation of jobs well done. I am going to offer one replacement tonight - we actually have a replacement for the other, but I haven't really confirmed it yet. One replacement will be Sean Sullivan, who is a life-long resident of Cleveland Heights. He went all through Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools - is a much-loved teacher at Oxford now and is the soccer coach of Heights High. Sean is deeply involved in all aspects of soccer in Cleveland Heights and actually an active participant in lots of aspects of city life. You have seen him here when he has come with his soccer teams and with his Oxford students. James Costello and James Moore are current members who are eligible to serve another term so their names will be offered for reappointment. These are all five-year terms which actually began the first of June of 2009 and will expire on May 31, 2014."

Second by Council Member Tumeo.

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

Nays: None

Appointment and Reappointments passed

Mayor Kelley explained, "Sean Sullivan is appointed immediately to a term that ends May 31, 2014. James Costello and James Moore are reappointed for five-year terms beginning June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2014. I do want to comment on Sean Sullivan. He also runs our soccer program in this town. This guy is involved in our community, not just in our schools and soccer. This guy is here twenty-four hours. He's like a fireman, he's here 24 hours a day doing stuff for our community. I am so happy he is serving on this Board with us."

Council Member Dietrich continued, "Finally, there is a mid-year vacancy on the Citizens Advisory Committee because Michael Turner who actually has only served, I think, a little bit more than a year has had to go off due to his changed work schedule. So, once again we thank him for his service and to fill his position we offer William Hubbard who lives on Yorkshire and has a child and has been here for six years. So I offer William Hubbard for a term that begins immediately on the CAC and ends December 31, 2009."

Second by Vice Mayor Evans.

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

Nays: None

Appointment passed

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Evans stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is no legislation this evening, but, I too, would like to encourage our residents and their friends to attend the events at Cain Park this summer. We just sent out a wonderful brochure two weeks ago. If you don't have it, as Councilwoman Caplan mentioned, you can go online to see the schedule. It is a great venue. A great place to go, so I strongly encourage everyone to look at that schedule. That completes my report this evening."

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Montlack stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There are five pieces of legislation for presentation tonight. The first is on first reading only, Ordinance No. 59-2009(F), to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 179-2008(F), as amended, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009; and declaring an emergency.

This legislation relates to the budget, that road map, in this case for the current year 2009. It was first passed as a projection, as usual, towards the end of last year. It happened almost contemporaneously with the economic collapse that Councilman Wilcox mentioned - has gone on in our nation and certainly has hit Northeast Ohio and it also occurred at a time when - as follows, the City of Cleveland Heights' revenues were unexpectedly falling precipitously. What has happened since then is that over virtually every meeting over the weeks and months since then, the Council and the City Manager and staff continued to work on adjustments, as we not only review the current revenues and expenditures, but try to use our crystal balls to look into the future.

Here, in this Ordinance, which is yet another amendment, we look at the General Fund for this year and also the other Special Revenue Funds. Most of the changes, to my eyes, the most dramatic changes are in the General Fund. Some of these changes, which I'll try to review and explain, have happened or appear in this legislation at this point as a given number, but really represent decisions made in January and February and March, etc., as we continue to both monitor and act in regard to the situation.

The first thing that I think every resident perhaps ought to know is what are the numbers at this point. The original budget of 42 million approximately 488,000 dollars, now appears in the bottom line for the General Fund as 39 million and about 668,000 dollars, a reduction of 2,820,000 dollars. This is achieved through a series of across-the-board downsizing and cuts that affects every department. I will try and give you without obviously going through all of the departments and divisions, which would take quite a long time, try and give the residents some idea of some of the numbers. Remember, we're working in the General Fund of more than 2.8 million dollars and also give you some idea of the kinds of affects that these cuts, this downsizing has.

In Police Administration, we see \$218,500 with no pay increase and ten days of furlough (unpaid furlough) for the civilian personnel only. Another category, is Other than Personal Services, that's a phrase that applies like the first one I mentioned in most of the departments and so in most of the

departments except in a few of the unions, we have ten days unpaid vacation, if you'll accept the euphemism, as well as foregone pay increases - not even cost of living. In the other category, Other than Personal Services, it appears to my eyes that virtually all of the educational programs, seminars, the kinds of opportunities to spend a day learning appear to be foreclosed on. Again, no pun intended with that word. This is happening across the board. Again, just to take a few examples, in Police Vehicle Maintenance, another category, \$44,000 is cut for basically the same reasons.

In Fire Administration, \$434,550 is cut, which includes about \$188,000 for the furloughs and no pay increase for non-union personnel and the Other than Personal Services cuts of the kind that I explained before.

Skipping a number of divisions, Swimming Pools will be reduced \$15,000. That will include the closing of the Cain Park Wading Pool and the reduced personnel in operating expense. Ice Programs, \$21,800, with the South Rink season being reduced. In Sports Programs, \$23,500 is cut and that includes funds saved for the elimination of Junior Olympics and tennis attendance. In Community Relations, \$13,400 is cut with full-time personnel changing to part-time. As a personal comment, although this isn't the largest dollar figure, it is troubling to me, because our Community Relations' folks have been and are the eyes and ears of the city. They are a trip-wire for problem houses and difficulties in the neighborhood, but I will say to you, as Susanna Niermann O'Neil has expressed, if you have a problem in your neighborhood, of course, you are always told to call the Police if you think it is any sort of police situation, and you're not called upon to prove the situation, simply call up - if for any reason you don't wish to do that, you can always call Community Relations. Somebody will get you on the phone and that phone number, of course, is area code 216-291-2323. A very important number.

Going on to other departments. In Planning and Development, \$127,700 is cut and that relates in large part to the elimination of the position of Zoning Inspector and another related position. Many other cuts I will skip over. In the Building Department, \$56,500 is cut. That eliminates an important secretarial position and changing a full-time electrical inspector to part-time.

In Refuse Collection, from cuts made in January and February, \$256,000 is cut, most of that due to furloughs and layoffs. In Vehicle Maintenance, \$180,000 is cut and we're hoping - I suppose I should say depending, but hoping also that gasoline which is now on the increase again will not go back to the four dollar a gallon prices or anything close to that because that accounts for a lot of that savings. In Street Maintenance, \$556,100 is cut. A substantial amount of that relates to the elimination of overtime expense or at least the reduction and reduced personnel expense. Again, with furloughs and really some very hard personnel hits to the numbers in that division.

In the City Manager's office, \$52,950 is cut with both personnel and non-personnel matters happening. In the Law Department, \$47,500 is cut and that includes staff reduction. Even with that rather long series of cuts that I announced and finally Public Properties, \$194,800 with the elimination of four positions and the Other than Personal Services expenses cut. Even with all of that I've skipped over a number of items. But, I thought it was important to throw some of these dizzying figures out and at the same time give you an idea of the tremendous sacrifice, frankly, that the staff is making and to let you know also, as has been said at these meetings previously, that the services will be done, but it may take more time. There may be prioritization of what gets done when and all of that to get us through these tough times. Needless to say, my thanks, certainly to the City Manager, the Finance Department and truly to every single department and every staff member for helping us through this very difficult time.

Ordinance No. 59-2009(F) is presented on first reading only tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 59-2009(F) on first reading only for tonight.

Council Member Montlack continued, "The other pieces of legislation will certainly not require a lot of comment. They all relate to the Community Development Block Grant funding budget passed towards the end of last year and each of these remaining pieces of legislation simply authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with the grantee agencies to perform the work at the amounts that individually were items in the block grant funding budget that was passed last year.

Resolution No. 60-2009(F), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Center for Families and Children, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for assistance with its PINPOINT Program at the RapArt Center; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

It relates to the one-year contract that begins July 1, 2009 with that grantee agency. Work is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this legislation. Resolution No. 60-2009(F) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 60-2009(F).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Montlack continued, " Resolution No. 61-2009(F), 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-repair and home-improvement programs; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement for the following amounts and these are in relation to many other CDBG fundings - are larger amounts as HRRC handles some very important housing programs, some of which the city used to have in-house a few years ago. Here are the figures: Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$219,491.00) for HRRC Operating Expenses; Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for Neighborhood Project Repair Grants; Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for Assist 0% (it's a loan for income-eligible folks); Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for Assist Incentive Grants; Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Assist Deferred Loan Match Program; and Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$31,600.00) for a Housing Counselor (which I hope the folks who are having foreclosure problems take advantage of); for a total grant of Three Hundred Forty-two Thousand Ninety-one Dollars (\$342,091.00). Again, the programs are further described in Exhibit "A" attached to this legislation. Resolution No. 61-2009(F) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 61-2009(F).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Montlack continued, "Thank you. Resolution No. 62-2009(F), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide funding for the Center's Nutrition and Afternoon Out Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an

emergency. This is in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for that program which is further described in Exhibit "A". Resolution No. 62-2009(F) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 62-2009(F).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Montlack continued, "Thank you. Resolution No. 63-2009(F), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Noble-Nela Merchants Association, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for assistance with the administrative costs of the Association and its activities; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. As the Program is described in Exhibit "A" this Resolution authorizes an agreement for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Resolution No. 63-2009(F) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 63-2009(F).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Kelley stated, "I just wanted to say as I do every year around this time, to remind you that your City Council will be hard at work this summer. Our 93 years plus of experience will be continuing to meet every Monday, as we have for years long before I got here and probably long after I'm gone from here. While many other cities, if not all, are taking either going to a staggered schedule or taking the summer off, but your City Council will be hard at work doing what we need to do to make sure that this city continues to run in a safe, effective manner for all. And on that note, I just want to thank each and every city worker, whether it is the life guard that's training your son or daughter how to swim or whether it's our fire department who has come to your house for a 911 call or our police department or the people at our community center, it's certainly our public works' people who are out there, every day, 365 days a year - no matter what the weather. A lot of mailmen don't get there periodically. Our city workers are there - rain, snow, blizzard, non-blizzard. I don't think we've ever canceled a trash pickup day. So, I want to thank each and everyone of these employees for doing more than just their job. They are doing their job plus other jobs. These are tough, tough, tough economic times. And almost every single employee has foregone a raise either a year or two years and that is a sad state of affairs to try to run any kind of business, but it is due to the economy. But, then again, on behalf of this City Council I want to thank each and everyone of our city workers and I ask the public if you are out at an event or you are in the community or you see the trash being picked up, thank them too. You can argue with me that these are your tax dollars at work, but most, if not all of these people are doing two - three - four and five different jobs. And thank the life guard, thank the volunteer coach that is coaching your son and daughter in the sports. It really will make a difference in this community. I want to personally thank each and everyone of these employees.

Our meeting is adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, July 6. I think we didn't mentioned that the trash pickup and I'm the one who is part of this is going to be on Thursday, both the Thursday route and the Friday route will be on Thursday, July 2nd. So, Wednesday night, you Thursday folks, you put out your trash and the Friday folks, like myself, put out your trash on

Wednesday night [too]. I'm sure we'll do a little bit of something, but it's a lot easier - it gets better each time. This is a tricky one. It was on the water bill and other stuff. Just try to work with us. It saves us \$10,000 a holiday to the tune of \$100,000 a year.

Thank you for coming. Our next meeting will be, as I said, Monday, July 6th and certainly enjoy our 135 acres of parkland."

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Kelley, Mayor
President of Council

Thomas K. Malone
Clerk of Council

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