

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the contents of the City Manager's memo.

Council Members present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow

Staff present: Boland, Briley, Butler, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, Mannarino, McRae, Mecklenburg, Michalec, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Smith, Wong

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:42 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

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Staff present: Boland, Briley, Butler, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, Mannarino, McRae, Mecklenburg, Michalec, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Smith, Wong

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council's Monday, May 1 meeting of 2017. This is our regular Council official Council meeting. We're starting a little late this evening, but our discussion was fairly intense in our work session and focused on activities. Mr. Clerk, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven present, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have no members to excuse. Were my favorite scribes capable of finding any additions or errors or omissions in the minutes this week?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you so much."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I turned mine in."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And so we will move on to one of the things that is delightful that happens for us every year. I'd like to welcome to the podium Rachel Bernstein and Gail Bellamy to talk to us about some fairly active issues in our community and one of them has words that flow specially. So, without stealing your thunder, Rachel, tell us what you're presenting."

Rachel Bernstein stated, "Yes, thank you, Mayor Stephens. I wanted to talk to you today about poetry which must be very exciting probably after the meeting that you just had and introduce to you first Gail Bellamy who is a former Poet Laureate of Cleveland Heights who is going to read to you today a poem to get you started."

Gail Bellamy stated, "Thank you and thank you for having us here this evening. I was the Poet Laureate April 2009 through April 2011 and we are part of a program through Heights Arts and the Heights Rights Committee of Heights Arts and we're real proud of the program. We think it's an image booster for the City underscoring the fact that Cleveland Heights is a City of the Arts. Many cities across the country have a Poet Laureate program, but they're a little bit different from ours because ours is nominated by an arts organization, but appointed by City Council and I think all of the poets that we've had do make an effort to serve the community. I can tell you that during my two-year term, we had eleven mentions in about the Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate program in local media outlets and most of them were not in Cleveland Heights. They were the Plain Dealer or Cool Cleveland or various Sun newspapers, Cleveland magazine and radio stations and also six national mentions because I used it in my bio whenever I was speaking at writers' conferences or any events for work. During that time, I did 29 public readings and seven local benefit events and the experience was an honor that I treasure today and so that's a little bit about the program. Tonight I'm sharing a very brief springtime poem and I think it's appropriate for our city with its trees and gardens and green spaces and great restaurants and the title of the poem is "Arugula."

When I encounter arugula
Dressed in the company of tender leaves
On a white salad plate in a restaurant

It always reminds me of those street-tough
Spiky greens that grow up along
The railroad tracks
And between pavement cracks
On urban basketball courts,
Those prickly resilient greens
That can lurk behind condemned buildings
Or jab their way up through gravel,
Refusing to be trampled,
Held back by chain link fences,
Smoked out
Or otherwise suffocated

By the time arugula arrives
At the restaurant,
It isn't just some punk in a dinner jacket
Escorting the debutante:
Arugula owns the place."

Rachel Bernstein stated, "It's hard to beat that. Gail was just notified a few weeks ago that one of her poems is going to be included in, "The Poet Laureate Anthology" to be published in 2018 by Michigan State University Press. This anthology will feature new and never before published poems

related to social justice issues written by the former current and former city, state and national Poet Laureates who have ties to the Great Lakes Region, so it's a major accomplishment and we're so grateful for her being on our committee and still involved with Heights Arts even after her tenure as Poet Laureate. So, thank you Gayle. You can imagine that a poem like that is very inspiring and for someone like me coming into Heights Arts four years ago, remembering the poetry of my youth which my mother liked to write birthday poems and my twin sister, the one that I remember that she wrote was a limerick about a grasshopper.

There once was a crazy grasshopper
Who decided to do a flip flopper
His pants went rip
When he started to flip
And the flip flopper
Came to a stopper

So that's the extent of my poetry, so I was so thrilled to come to Heights Arts and have my sense of poetry elevated and I think the City of Cleveland Heights as well has been very lucky to have a Poet Laureate program, which up until very recently was the only Poet Laureate Poet Laureate program in the state of Ohio, so I think that's a huge accomplishment and we're very, very excited that we have been able to do that. Our current Poet Laureate Christina Howie, who is not able to be here this night; she's our eighth Poet Laureate now that we've hosted through Heights Arts and she, I think, is about to have a movie made about her called, "Exact Change," which we're very excited about and she is very active in the community. She was named Best Critic in Ohio by the Cleveland Press Club in the Society of Professional Journalists and she's also a playwright and has a one woman play that, as I just said, will be made into a movie. So, we've been very excited to have her involvement. This is the beginning of her second year now and we have a two-year term, so we're very excited for that. One of the biggest accomplishments that I'm proud to tell you about today is that for the first time in our history this year we have managed to raise money for our program. We have never before been able to have money for our program, but with the advent of Poetry Month which just ended the month of April, we had our not so annual, but now will be annual haiku death match and if you are not there, you must come next year. Yes. Ray McNiece is the reigning champion this year. It has the distinction of, through our partnership with Dobama of raising the most money in alcohol sales, so they're very happy about that event. We became a little bit clever and had a Crowd Rise campaign and I'm proud to say that over 60 people donated to the cause. Approximately 130 people showed up at the venue for Dobama and we raised over \$4,500 for this program. So, having supported it all on our own for the last 10-15 years, we're very excited that we finally will be able to support our poets in our poet activities that we have including the haiku death match. We also have our poets now reading on WCLV. So, if you listen to WCLV, you will hear Cleveland Heights poets, people who participated in the death match and hopefully are Ekphrastic Program reading on the radio with Bob Conrad and we also hold five poetry events a year in conjunction with our exhibitions. So, I invite all of you to come to our next Ekphrastic to see where poets respond to the work in the in the gallery. It's a very amazing fun night where you hear an artist speak about their work and then you hear the poets with a creation and interpretation and it's one of

the programs that I'm the most proud of since I started. With the City being the Home to the Arts, we know that you support a vibrant performance venue in Cain Park. We know that you have a gallery and through Heights Arts, you have the distinction of having an amazing Poet Laureate program. I hope that in the future, we can see some support from the City in collaborations and other ways for this program that we so highly value. Thank you very."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to..."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Wait, I'm sorry, there might be people that want to say something."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, is there someone else who wanted to say something about the Poet Laureate?" (Inaudible.) "As is standard, we welcome our residents and business people or anyone in the attendance at our meeting to come and communicate with us. We'll ask you to come to the mic at the left; to my left and your right, give us your name and your home address or business address. Is there anyone who'd like to speak with us this evening? Yes, ma'am, if you'd approach the microphone."

Deborah Franke stated, "Good evening. My name is Deborah Frank. I'm here with my husband Gary and we live at 2573 Guilford Road. We're pretty new to the City of Cleveland Heights. We'd looked for a long time as to where we would want to retire and we've surprised a lot of people. We picked Cleveland Heights. And I think it's just emotional. You know, we have we've been lifelong bicyclists and we've been members of the League of American Wheelman that became that League of American Bicyclists for more than 40 years. So, bicycling was a major thing for us and it was a factor in choosing where we would live the rest of our lives and you guys hit it out of the ballpark. So, I want to tell you that bicycling is a big reason we picked this City. So, thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Deborah Franke stated, "Because it's not an accident that a City becomes a Bronze Level City. I'm so proud of what you've accomplished because it's not an accident. It's through dedication and it's through decision-making. It's through advocacy and it's through the spirit of the communities, so it's not just, certainly it's what all of you have done to make this a bicycle friendly community, but it's also just the feeling of the community. Every day I see people traveling around town by bicycle and it's so impressive. There are so many good facilities and there are so many interesting things to see and do like Heights Arts or Cain Park or going to the grocery store or bicycling to a community garden. It's a wonderful city. It's not an accident. Thank you."

Multiple Councilmembers stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I want to take this moment to recognize one of my colleagues. Mary Dunbar has led the charge on making us enhance our bicycle responsibilities and our friendliness, so not only have we always been pedestrian oriented, but Mary, through her leadership, has helped us make new strides into being bicycle oriented and making sure we have sharrows and opportunities for folks to

ride their bikes safely in this community so thank you for your kind words this evening and Mary, well done, a new recruit to Cleveland. Is there anyone else you'd like to speak to us this evening?"

Steve Reinhart stated, "Thank you, Ms. Mayor. My name is Steve Reinhart. I'm 2527 Derbyshire Road. I'm the president currently of the Heights Bike Coalition and I'm not going to be nearly as eloquent as Miss Franke, but I wanted to thank the City as well for their effort we feel is a very strong partnership and we love that you guys acknowledge Bike Month, Bike to Work Day, Bike to School Day and Bike Week which are all very important to the efforts we do to try to increase advocacy and participation in the bike community. So, I just wanted to say thank you, guys."

Multiple Councilmembers stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Was there anyone else who'd like to speak with Council this evening? If not, thank you. We'll close the personal communication section and move on to the report of the City Manager."

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley stated, "Nothing to report this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, thank you. Next, we move to the report of the Interim Director of Finance and Clerk of Council."

Report of the Interim Director of Finance/Clerk of Council

Mitch Michalec stated, "Yes, Your Honor, I have three items tonight. First I would like to notify Council that two notices have been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that applications have been made by the following:

- Café Bon Appetite, Inc. dba Café Bon Appetit Restaurant, 2767 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106, D5 permit
- Moran Foods, LLC dba Save a Lot 618, 2227 Noble Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44112, C1, C2 and D6 permits"

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "I want to make this a Matter of Record and refer it to the Public Safety and Health Committee of Council, the City Manager, and the Director of Law for further discussion at a later date."

Tanisha Briley stated, "One other item that did not make the agenda."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay."

Mitch Michalec stated, "I would also like to notify Council that BZA Calendar Number 3419 is before Council for review. The BZA decision granting a variance."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And that would be referred to the Planning and Development Committee of Council for review in this session. Is there anything else?"

Mitch Michalec stated, "That's all I have, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, sir. Next we move to committee reports. First will be the Public Safety and Health Committee of Council and we have a resolution from them. Councilman Seren."

Report of the Public Safety and Health Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. I'd like to move approval for Resolution Number 42-2017 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Physio Control, Inc. for the acquisition of three heart monitor/defibrillator machines for the Fire Department providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The purchase price not to exceed \$84,346.60."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you for that. If the clerk would read the roll please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow, Dunbar

Nays:

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes. Councilman Seren, is there anything else you would like to share with us this evening?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. I have nothing else to report."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we live to Administrative Services Committee. We have a resolution for its first reading. Councilwoman Roe."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Thank you I have three items. The first item is on first reading; Resolution Number 43-2017. This is a resolution establishing a Charter Review Commission and that includes prescribing the number of commissioners, the method of appointment and charging the commission, so that's on first reading. The second item that I wanted to advise people of is that the Administrative Services Committee has been engaged in the process of drafting operating guidelines for Council and we have a meeting scheduled May 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning here at City Hall, and lastly I would just call attention to the City Council/City Manager priorities that were presented in our Committee of the Whole meeting last month by our City Manager and advise people that they might want to look at those. They'll be available on the website."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anything else, ma'am? Thank you. Moving right along, we'll go to Community Relations and Recreation. Vice Mayor Stein."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have two pieces of legislation tonight. The first piece is Resolution Number 44-2017; a resolution proclaiming May 2017 Bike Month; May 10, 2017 Bike to School Day; May 15-19, 2017 Bike to Work Week; and May 20, 2017 Bike to Work Day in the City of Cleveland Heights. Bicycling is a viable environmentally sound mode of transportation and an excellent form of fitness and recreation and Cleveland Heights streets and buildings are ideally arranged in a compact, well connected pattern making it easy to walk and bike to businesses, schools and recreation and cultural facilities and Cleveland Heights was recognized as a Bronze Level Bicycle Community by the League of American Bicyclists in 2013 and educating cyclists on the proper and safe operation of bicycles and motorists on how to properly share roads with bicyclists is important to ensure the safety and well-being of all and on May 6, 2017, All Geared Up will be hosted by the Canterbury Elementary School and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It will feature family bike ride safety instructions, 72 free bike helmets, a sale for pre-owned children's and adult bicycles for low cost and the debut of the Safe Routes to School bike fleet and the League of American Bicyclists and Transportation and Fitness Bicyclists in Cleveland Heights and other cities are promoting greater public awareness of cycling during the month of May through events such as National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 10 and the Ride of Silence on Wednesday, May 17 in which Cleveland Heights will participate with hundreds of other cities internationally to honor those killed or injured while riding on public streets and which in the Heights area will be routed from University Heights through Cleveland Heights to University Circle where Heights riders will join bicyclists from a Cleveland route and the Heights Bicycle Coalition will provide free coffee and bagels for bicycle commuters during the morning rush hour on Bike to Work Day Friday, May 19 next to the intersection of Edgemoor and Overlook roads. The combination of Bike to Work Week which is again during May 15-19 and on May 20, a safe cycling class will be offered for adults and teens 14 and older at Cleveland Heights City Hall followed by skills instruction in the parking lot and on June 3, Coventry Courtyard will host Bike Tune-up Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the support of Coventry Village, Cleveland Heights based Hirobel and Heights Bicycle Coalition in which volunteers assess bicycles, bicycle safety and make minor repairs for free. Therefore, this Council does hereby proclaim May 2017 Bike Month; May 10, 2017 Bike to School Day; May 15-19 Bike to Work Week and May 19 Bike to Work Day in the City of Cleveland Heights and encourages all residents to review laws and regulations governing bicycle safety and to use a bicycle for transportation to work and school especially for trips within the City of Cleveland Heights."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe

 Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. We have a lot of bicycle activities going on in the next 30 days. And you have another one?”

Vice Mayor Stein stated, “Yes, Resolution Number 45-2017; declaring May 2017 National Preservation Month. Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life, and all backgrounds; and it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and Cleveland Heights has shown a continued dedication to promoting the City’s history, architecture, and historic preservation through partnerships with the Cleveland Restoration Society to administer the Heritage Home Loan Program, a program that allows owners of older homes access to low-interest loans and the technical assistance necessary to sensitively rehabilitate their older homes. Cleveland Heights operates the Cleveland Heights Historical Center at Superior Schoolhouse, which draws visitors and students for tours and research; and National Preservation Month 2017 is cosponsored by the City of Cleveland Heights and the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and in City of Cleveland Heights will be observed through the following six events cosponsored by the City, Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, Cleveland Heights Historical Society, Heights Libraries, and Noble Neighbors with tour preregistration required for no admission.”

Cleveland Heights House History Workshop
Monday, May 1st, 7 p.m.
Heights Main Library, 2345 Lee Road

Guided Tour of East Cleveland Township Cemetery
Saturday, May 6th, 10 a.m. – 11ish
Meet at 1621 East 118th Street, Cleveland - just north of Euclid Avenue

"The South Overlook Gang": A Book Talk
Monday, May 8th, 7pm
Noble Neighborhood Branch, 2800 Noble Road

Interior Painting in an Older Home
Monday, May 15, 7 p.m.
Heights Main Library, 2345 Lee Road

Cleveland Heights Rocks & Waters 2017: Compton Creek
Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. – noonish RAIN OR SHINE.

The Noble Neighborhood and Nearby, 1874-2017
Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m. Heights Main Library, 2345 Lee Road

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Therefore, this Council does hereby proclaim May 2017 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."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren

 Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That completes support for Resolution Number 45-2017. Vice Mayor Stein, is there anything else you'd like to share with the body?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "That is it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next is the Finance Committee."

Report of the Finance Committee

Councilman Ungar stated, "No resolutions this evening, but just a couple of seconds on something that I mentioned during the Committee of the Whole. This past Friday evening, I and several other members of Council were privileged to attend the Cedar Fairmont Special Improvement District and Future Heights put together a nice hard hat program for lack of a better term reflecting the initiation of several construction projects that are going to be taking place in that area and I would just encourage our residents to not only to patronize all of our commercial districts, but to bear in mind that if you are hungry, whether that's for food or for food for the brain by way of books or furnishings or smartphones or I'm forgetting probably one or two of the merchants in there, you might want to think about patronizing the Cedar Fairmount District particularly during what's going to be a pretty rough period that they'll be going through as all this construction takes place in that important commercial district, just the way I know the community stood up and continues to stand up and patronize all of our very fine Lee Road establishments. So, I encourage you to get out and spend your money there if possible. Thanks."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next we move to Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much. I have four... five pieces of legislation this evening, Your Honor. First I have Resolution Number 46-2017. This is a resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for rock salt for the 2017-18 winter season; wherein the written agreement to be submitted to ODOT will contain some of the following terms and conditions and participation of the ODOT out winter road salt contract including the fact that the City will agree to purchase a minimum of 90% of its above-requested salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period of October 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018; and that the City agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT winter salt contract. I hereby offer Resolution Number 46-2017 for passage this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Would you please call the roll?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein

 Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 46-2017 passes. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "47-2017; this is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rush Truck Centers, for the acquisition of a tractor for the Public Works Department; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency; wherein the City Manager would be authorized to execute any and all agreements necessary for the purchase of an International, 2018 Tractor from Rush Truck Centers, with the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program, in accordance with Ohio law and the City of Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances with the amount of the purchase price for said equipment not exceed \$126,000."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Ungar, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens

 Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 47-2017 passes. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right, 48-2017. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rush Truck Centers, for the acquisition of a – I always mispronounce this - cab & chassis (got it right this time) for the Public Works Department; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. Whereas, under this resolution, the City Manager would authorized to execute any and all agreements necessary for the purchase of an International, 2018 Cab & Chassis from Rush Truck Centers, through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program with a purchase price not exceed the sum of \$83,461. I hereby proffer Resolution Number 48-2017 for passage this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar

 Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 48-2017 passes. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "This is Resolution Number 49-2017. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Judco Truck Equipment, for the acquisition of a Dump Body/ Plow package for the Public Works Department; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. Whereas, in order to meet operational needs, it is necessary to purchase a Dump Body/ Plow Package to be mounted on a separate purchase of a 2018 chassis for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department; and whereas, under this resolution, the City Manager would be authorized to execute any and all agreements necessary for the purchase of said equipment through the Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program with the purchase price for said equipment shall not exceed the sum of \$65,435.00. I hereby proffer Resolution 49-2017 for passage this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "This resolution passes. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right, last one up this evening. This is Resolution Number 50-2017. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file a NatureWorks application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and declaring an emergency. Whereas, the State of Ohio through the ODNR administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program and this Council has determined it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to seek said financial assistance. Pursuant to this resolution, Cleveland Heights approves the filing; this Council approves the filing of an application for financial assistance under the NatureWorks grant program administered by ODNR. On behalf of the City of Cleveland Heights, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for said possible funding assistance. Cleveland Heights does hereby agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program. I hereby offer Resolution 50-2017 for passage this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Would you call the roll please?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Did we remember to get a second?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, did I get a second? Thank you, could I get a second please?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow, Dunbar

Nays: None

Mitch Michalec stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 50-2017 passes. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us, Councilwoman Yasinow?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Yes, I would. First and foremost, I would like to echo the sentiments of Councilman Unger encouraging all residents to please frequent our business districts, the Cedar Fairmount, this is a phenomenal place. Please give them show them your love and support, but please also do remember that we have many other business districts not currently impacted by the Dominion program or streetscape, but that they are still valuable partners in our community. I'm

thinking back to the Reaching Heights Spelling Bee that our Chief Mecklenburg, Councilman Roe and I participated in. You go to these events, the gift baskets for these events, the raffles for our organizations in our communities. These come from our local businesses. If you spend a dollar in your community, you get far more from it than if you go to a big box store, you go down to a large mall. Our local independent retailers are one of the things that make Cleveland Heights so special and so important, so please we do encourage you to spend your money locally and, if at all possible, please within our business districts including those that are suffering just a little bit in the name of progress. So, that's number one.

Number two - I would be remiss if I did not tell people to please always lock your car doors and hide your valuables in your trunk or under something. Unfortunately, on the good news, we're getting warmer weather, and that brings people out. Unfortunately, sometimes that brings not necessarily the best people out and you can sometimes; there's a crime of opportunity. Please take a moment - protect yourselves.

And finally, I just want to take a moment and say how proud I am of the fact that we've taken this step to honor the importance of bicycles and transportation by bike within our community and thinking of what we've done with that with the fact that we had our Poet Laureate here today. I just want to end with repeating the chorus from one of my favorite songs from the great poet Freddie Mercury with his song, "Bicycle Race." I will not do the whole thing, but just the chorus says: "I want to ride my bicycle, I want to ride my bike, I want to ride my bicycle, I want to ride it where I like."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Well, thank you."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "You're welcome and that is everything this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next we moved to the Planning and Development Committee of Council. Councilwoman Dunbar."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I have no legislation this evening, however, since it is by month, I did want to say a few words about it. Surprise, of course. I am very pleased that Heights Bicycle Coalition has a new president, Steve Reinhardt, because I held that job for quite a few years, but Steve is committed and capable. So, he's a wonderful transition. Also, recognizing some of the others that have been involved with the Bicycle Coalition; Joy Henderson and I are founding members and remain committed to the success of the organization. Joy and Jamie Babb handle communications for us and I've moved down I've become the Vice President now. Corrie Holliday has been our Secretary for several years and Gary Franke has taken over as our Financial Officer from Sarah O'Keeffe, who is busy with sustainability at University Hospitals, and is a prime organizer amongst others for All Geared Up, a family bicycling event coming up. Board members Marc Bellet and Jeremy Komasz organize the Coventry Village free bike tune up day and a new board member is Gary Lustig who is helping with our free coffee and eats at the intersection of Overlook and Edgehill on Bike to Work Day. Akshai Singh is heading our engineering committee. Greg Jolivette has helped us with some legal issues and also with some of our rides. And Debbie is taking over really leading our seasonal rides, so we'll be providing a list of those

soon, but ensure that this organization exemplifies the community engagement that is such a hallmark of Cleveland Heights. I should mention that some of our past board members have gone on to top graduate programs in transportation and nonprofit management in Germany, Boston and the University of California at Berkeley. They are going to be important leaders in coming decades, so it's an opportunity not only to help our community, but for some of the younger members to get experience that helps them get very attractive graduate opportunities. However, none of what's been accomplished could have been done without the full support of the City. I have to give credit to Richard Wong in Planning for a lot of what has come about as well as our Public Works Department for painting those sharrows and the Police have got the wonderful Bike Police Unit which is a big help with some of our bike rodeos and bike events for kids and I'm probably going to forget somebody so, I apologize, but and City Council has endorsed everything we've done in trying to make the City more bicycle friendly. So, it's been a wonderful effort and I hope people are enjoying it and that's all I want to say I guess."

Mayor Stephens stated, Thank you. Now we have a Board of Zoning Appeals issue, Calendar Number 3419. Is Councilman Seren going to take care of that for us this evening?"

Councilman Seren stated, "I'd be happy to."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, Councilman Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. All right, so I'd like to move that we approve a resolution of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Calendar Number 3419 providing a variance to Waldorf Partners Limited Partnership at 2300 Overlook Road to permit the conversion of 12 three bedroom units into a total of 36 studio apartments; one third of which will be 410 square feet, one third at 400 square feet and the last third at 350 square feet, where a minimum of 500 square feet is in the code and also a variance that would allow them to create no further parking whether in existing, whether in the garage or on service spaces for these additional units where there would be 24 more enclosed parking spots and 24 more surface parking spots required. So, I move that we approve that tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Clerk, if you would call the rule please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe

Nays: Stein, Ungar

Mitch Michalec stated, "Five ayes."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "This resolution passes, five to two. Is there anything else from the Planning and Development Committee of the Council?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "That's it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next we move to the Mayor's report. It was with sadness on Thursday I was contacted by the Montlack family. For 22 years, Kenneth Montlack served as this Council and his brother passed away on Thursday and they jointly owned over 3,500 units of housing across Greater Cleveland in Cleveland Heights, Shaker, Berea, Cleveland, Lakewood. Michael Montlack was a quirky, enjoyable individual and his legacy is that he had his son just last year purchased The Alcazar in the Cedar Fairmount District and are beginning to figure out ways to redevelop that historic property in a way that he can be proud and says the family celebrated his life yesterday with jokes in a variety of stories as opposed to the sad and tearful eulogies that you typically have and there wasn't a person in the room at Berkowitz Coleman who didn't have a moment of laughter based on some stories shared by his brother, Kenneth, his nephew, Andy, who called some parts of Michael's life from the Fellini movie. I mean you never heard Fellini mentioned at a funeral service before. And then his grandchildren spoke about their favorite memories with him and so it is with sadness we see the sunset to his life, but we celebrate all the good things he has done across our county and in other places in Ohio and adjacent states for redevelopment and moving forward in a ring of suburban community issues. It is with sadness I say, 'Goodbye, Michael,' and hope that his family continues to live a life with humor and in the quiriness that Michael understands. A Shiva is being sat at his daughter Laney's house in Shaker Heights and with that; I bring this movie meeting to an adjournment. Our next Council meeting is Monday, May 15, 2017. May God bless America and Cleveland Heights. Thank you.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Mitch Michalec, Acting Clerk of Council

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