

City Council for the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, held a Committee Meeting of the Whole on the above date at 6:28 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, Niermann O'Neil, Sabin, Wong

The Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 7:10. The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:59 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council's Monday, July 17, 2017 regular meeting. We're a little delayed this evening. We had a lot to accomplish. We also reviewed our tax budget at a meeting at 7:00 p.m. I'd like to have the roll call. Ms. Sabin, would you please call the roll for us?"

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

Laurie Sabin stated, "All present."

Mayor Stephens stated, "All members are present. Thank you, ma'am. Next we move to approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting from Monday, July 3. I was not present, but I'm presuming members of Council handed in their edits. Thank you both. Now we move on to personal communications from our citizens. I understand there are some younger members of our citizenry here this evening and I'd like to welcome those younger members of my community, our community, to the microphone. I don't know your names, but I can see that you're a little shorter than some of us; a lot younger than some of us. I said some of us, but you always tell us that smart and powerful things come in small packages."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "That is true. Yeah, he's definitely taller than me."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, young ladies, if you tell us your name and where you live and then you can speak on the record."

Yana Gustin stated, "Hello. My name is Yana Gustin."

Carly Gustin stated, "My name is Carly Gustin and we live at [redacted] in the Coventry Village neighborhood."

Sophia Alfmyadeen stated, "My name is Sophia Alfmyadeen. I live at [redacted]. My favorite part of Coventry playground is the big slide. It's so fun. My favorite memory was when it was raining outside and it was fast like a slip-n-slide. I've been playing there since I was 2 years old."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Excuse me, could you get your, yes, your voice right there in the microphone."

Sophia Alfmyadeen stated, "My favorite part of Coventry playground is the big slide. It's so fun. My favorite memory was when it was raining outside and it was fast like a slip-n-slide. I've been playing there since I was two years old. I think that this playground is one of the reasons people like to live in Cleveland Heights. It's a great place to meet lots of different people and be active in the community. When we heard that the Coventry playground and Peace Park might be sold to a developer, we felt very sad. We felt sad because we have been playing at the playground and park all of our lives. Coventry playground and Peace Park put smiles on everyone's faces. This space is used by the community year-round for playing, watching movies, a weekly drum circle, a sledding hill and even more. The Coventry playground makes our neighborhood and Coventry Village a better place for everybody."

Carly Gustin stated, "We decided to get some petitions signed to save the Coventry playground and Peace Park. Over the past two weeks, we have collected signatures in our neighborhood, on Coventry, at the playground and at the library. People we talked to were upset to hear that this space might change and were excited to sign our petition. Keeping the playground and Peace Park just as it is now is the best thing for everybody."

Yana Gustin stated, "We have collected 529 signatures in support of the Coventry playground and Peace Park remaining an active community space for kids and adults to enjoy. We enter these petitions as a Matter of Public Record."

Carly Gustin stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Are you running for office? Melissa, do you have to campaign against them?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I certainly hope not. I'll lose on multiple things."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I hope not too. Fortunately, there's an age limit. You have to be 21 to run."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Give them a few years."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Hey, yes, Mr. Valancy."

Jack Valancy stated, "Hello, Mayor Stephens, members of Council, members of City staff. My name is Jack Valancy. I live at 3021 Yorkshire Road. I've been a resident of Cleveland Heights for more than 50 years and I'm a member of Ensemble Theater's Board which is one of the Coventry School's tenants. So, I'm here to say a great big thank you to Mayor Stephens, City Council, City Manager and

staff for allowing the community to allow input on the Coventry School Site redevelopment and for allowing the Coventry School tenants time to evaluate our needs and develop our vision. As part of our information gathering, we surveyed 242 of our neighbors and found, in response to questions, that 3 out of 4 use the Coventry Peace Park Playground. About 3 out of 4 families participated in programs offered by the organizations who are tenants of the Coventry School, or former Coventry School. About 2/3 of our respondents were aware the School District and the City plan to sell the 6-acre publicly owned Coventry site to a developer and 96% of the respondents felt that the School District and the City should enable meaningful engagement of the Coventry School Site redevelopment. So, a big thank you because we are, I'm here, to encourage our neighbors to participate in this City's public forum on the Coventry School Site RFQ/RFP on Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Unfortunately, my dear wife, Blanche, and I will be unable to attend. We will be away on that date. Now, by happy coincidence, the City's public forum kicks off the Coventry Peace Campus Community Weekend, July 27, 28, 29 and 30. So, Coventry Peace Campus is our new name. Right after the public forum, our neighbors can come to Thursday Movie Night on the lawn. The feature attraction is the Power Rangers Movie. Friday evening is – ArtFul is going to host Open Studios and many other tenants are going to post open houses as well. That's on Friday night. Saturday is Coventry Peace Park clean-up day and picnic and Sunday, Ensemble Theater will host one of the Cleveland Foundation's Common Ground facilitated discussions on the future of arts in the Heights. We're coordinating activities among the tenants, with the Heights Libraries and with our friends at the Coventry SID. We're even booking some bands. So, please join us. The details are on these beautiful posters that you'll see all around town and on our website www.peacecampus.org. We appreciate that the City will not issue the RFQ/RFP before Council meets again on September 11, 2017. This gives us the time to evaluate our needs and develop our vision for a redeveloped Coventry Peace Campus which would include an art center, the Coventry Peace Playground and Park and medium density housing compatible with Coventry neighborhood. Coventry Peace Campus appreciates the City's collaborative approach, and I say this sincerely – we appreciate the collaborative approach to redevelopment. We look forward to a productive working relationship and cookies and punch at the opening. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you, Jack."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anyone else who'd like to share something with Council this evening? Yes, sir."

Lucas Harris stated, "My name is Lucas Harris. I'm with the LT Harris. I'm an ATM owner in Louisville, Ohio. We own and operate ATM's throughout the country and I'm here on behalf, and I don't know if I'm at the wrong venue or the wrong time to make this, please let me know and I apologize. I'm here about the ordinance that was put into effect here by Council. It's Ordinance 19-2017. It has to do with the regulation of ATM's or retail ATM's throughout the community. It has a fee in order for an application fee and then an annual fee. What I'm here to do is – our community, or the ATM industry, was unaware of this here in Cleveland Heights and we're trying to... we found out through our vendors that this had been enacted or through our merchants and they came to us and said, 'What's going on

about this?’ And so I’m here for two things. One is to see if we could schedule a meeting to discuss this further and to go over all of the ramifications that this ordinance will have; and two is to see if, while the ordinance is in effect, that we maybe could get a 60 to 90-day reprieve on it until we can discuss and see if we can figure out and make sure that this is going to work out best.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Okay, the first thing that we will do is – our City Manager represents us from the City executive perspective. So, she or her Deputy City Manager will give you a card so that you can set something up, begin the dialogue tomorrow and then, after she meets with you, she will be able to recommend to us what kind of steps we should look at taking and she’ll have some information. I’m assuming that you’ll bring her information on your industry, how many ATM’s you represent, how many you represent that are based in Cleveland Heights, whether you provide service to some and representation to others, and those kinds of details. She and staff will go through the groundwork with you and then it may be necessary for a meeting with Council; it may not be, but that’s our filtering process. It’s that simple.”

Lucas Harris stated, “That works for me. I just wanted to open up a dialogue and see where we could go with it from here.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “No problem. Understood and that will be taken care of in the next five minutes.”

Lucas Harris stated, “Fantastic. Thank you.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Is there anyone else who’d like to speak to City Council tonight? Susan, was your question answered? Okay. If there are no further public comments, we will close this section of the meeting and move on to the report of the City Manager, Mrs. Briley.”

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley stated, “Yes, Mayor, thank you. I need to notify Council that sealed bids were received for the 2017 Meadowbrook Waterline Replacement, Project #17-05. Bids have been tabulated and reviewed and Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co.’s bid of \$822,383.46 is the lowest responsive bid. I would like to make this a Matter of Record.”

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, “This is referred to the Municipal Services Committee, Councilwoman Yasinow.”

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “Thank you very much. So received unless the City Manager needs a motion for some form of authority with regard to this bid.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Do you need to sign the contract this week?”

Tanisha Briley stated, “No, that will come before.”

Mayor Stephens stated, "Then we're fine."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Okay, thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next we move... ma'am, is there anything else you'd like to share with us this evening."

Report of the Finance Director/Clerk of Council

Laurie Sabin stated, "I need to notify Council that a Resolution of the Board of Zoning Appeals has been received pertaining to variances in the Zoning Code and is requested by BZA Cal. No. 3429a: Travis Cox, 2500 Edgehill Road, to permit a garage with a 0 foot setback to side lot line; and I'd like to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "And this is referred to the Planning and Development Committee of Council when we get to committee reports. Now we move on to committee reports and the first, wow, the first committee is Planning and Development Committee."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Oh, good. BZA – I will refer it to Kahlil Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "Sure, thank you. So, I'd like to move that we approve the Board of Zoning Appeals Calendar Number 3429a: Travis Cox at 2500 Edgehill Road in a A single family district. I'd like to move that the variance be approved to permit a garage with a zero foot setback to the side lot line."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And that is subject to the conditions outlined in the..."

Councilman Seren stated, "In the resolution for the Board of Zoning Appeals."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I wanted to make sure that... because the applicant got... he was going to take care of it anyway. I want to make sure that it's understood that there's conditions that must be adhered to. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll please?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "There was a second that came from Jason."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Oh, sorry, didn't hear it."

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

 Nays: None

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. BZA Calendar Number 3429a passes. Next... oh, I'm sorry, would you like to say anything? You've been out of town for a couple of weeks."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Definitely out of touch, so I don't have anything to say at this point."

Mayor Stephens stated, "All right, thank you, Councilwoman Dunbar, and next we go on to Public Safety and Health Committee. Councilman Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. First, I'd like to move that we approve Ordinance Number 84-2017, enacting Chapter 711, "Medical Marijuana," of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, if you would call the roll please."

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

 Nays: None

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Councilman Seren, would you like to make any comments in reference to this?"

Councilman Seren stated, "No, thank you."

Report of the Public Health and Safety Committee

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next we have Resolution 88-2017. Now, this was something that was brought to my attention by members of the community and I brought it to Council. We are what's referred to as a "green community" or probably a "nuts and granola" kind of community. We're in our little bubble. We believe in being clean and well organized and supporting the ecological environment that we are part of while it helps us grow and learn. I mean the emblem for this city is a tree and so we know that we receive oxygen which is kind of life's support system through the things that we nurture from the grass to the ground to the trees and one of the things that became clear to me several years ago when residents asked us not to use pesticides on publicly owned land that it was important for us to nurture this Earth as we live in it and on it. So, it was... I was very happy to see internationally that we were partnering as the United States of America with other countries in what ultimately became the Paris Climate Agreement. With a change in federal government, there was some distancing from that agreement. We're not sure what the final recommendations will be from federal government, but a majority of Council believes that we should continue to make a statement that we're a community that

supports green and sustainable activities in our community specifically and so, without further ado, Councilman Seren, since you're Public Health and Safety, would you read this resolution?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Sure. Actually, you know something you just said just struck me and so I'd just like to briefly comment before I move this ahead. You know, I don't tend to be one who is a huge fan of the ceremonial resolution. I appreciate legislation that is actionable and so I understand and recognize when there's a view that maybe we shouldn't be telling other, you know, levels of government what to do; that it's not our place. I understand that sentiment. At the same time, something that you said struck me and that was the – we live here, sort of in a bubble, in an ideological bubble. And it just occurred to me that we don't get to be protected by that bubble from the effects of climate change, the effects of other ways that we pollute our environment here in this country and worldwide. We don't get the luxury of that bubble. Even if we did, I suspect that we wouldn't want to restrict that privilege to ourselves, but also importantly, and this is why I'm going to vote for this resolution – we also don't get to live in an ideological bubble. Yeah, we can talk to our friends and we can live around people who think like we do and that's what we've seen in this country, but at the same time, at the levels of government that have the most control over the policies that impact our environment the most, there's an ideological difference certainly I would say from the majority of Cleveland Heights residents and this isn't a partisan issue. This isn't about political parties. It's about priorities and you don't have to be a particular political party at all in order to have priorities that maybe fly in the face of science or continued life on this planet as we know it and so, we don't get to live in an ideological bubble either. And the way that we express our dissatisfaction is through resolutions like this. This is how bodies like this express our dissatisfaction and the importance piece of that I realize, even though I'm not a huge fan of the ceremonial resolution and I don't know that it will necessarily accomplish anything measurable, a lot of the time people who make decisions with priorities that put sort of the fate of the planet underneath, you know, profits and that sort of thing; those people make those choices and they feel insulated in making those choices because they're living in a bubble too. The information that they're getting, the feedback that they're getting is from people who either think like them or don't have enough exposure to facts in order to think differently, and so, moments like this when we, if we believe that we should be hewing to more sustainable practices and caring about those sorts of issues, we believe that is to some degree our duty to make those voices heard so that it's more difficult for the people who get to make the decisions that affect us to be fool themselves or fool other people. So, I'd like to, on that note, move to approve Resolution Number 88-2017 strongly opposing the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. [Inaudible.] You can do either. Would you like to comment now? Okay, go ahead."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, " I think some of the preface that you've just heard is I announced earlier that I'm not going to vote in favor of this and the reason is that – I do expect the

majority of Cleveland Heights residents agree with this and I agree that our nation should be part of the Paris Climate Accord. However, I just don't feel that it's appropriate for City Council to be spending its time telling other levels of government what to do. I think it's up to our residents to let their elected state and federal representatives know what they think about the stance they're taking on issues. We just have a lot to do at our level and I don't want to spend time on these things when we have so much to do and we have trouble getting through it quite frankly; and I don't expect my colleagues on City Council to agree with me, but I don't want to speak for the residents of Cleveland Heights on these issues. I want you to do it yourselves. I also have to say I do think I agree with that, I mean, basically what the Paris Climate Agreements are is that humans are very much affecting the climate and it's not good at this time, but there's still no guarantees that if we correct that, everything's going to be just fine. I think one reason I believe some of my ancestors came to this country was that the ocean was frozen over around Iceland for two years in the late 1890's and they left because of that, because they were starving, and so, and one of the reasons that kind of thing happens is because of volcanic activity which is unpredictable. So, the atmosphere gets filled with debris and the sunlight can't get through and things stay frozen and we're obviously not in that kind of situation at present, but anyway, I'm just not going to get into taking stands on this on behalf of citizens of Cleveland Heights."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Is everyone going to get a chance? Now or later."

Mayor Stephens stated, "It's up to you."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Okay, I think now is the discussion. I respectfully disagree with Councilwoman Dunbar. I steadfastly though appreciate that where she comes from is from just a sincere philosophical difference and it's shown in other pieces of legislation. I respect it. I admire her decision making. I disagree on this. I think that, and I do frankly appreciate her statement that she does believe that we should remain in the Paris Climate Accord. For me, I think it's very important that we make this statement. Climate change is real. It is impacting our world. It is impacting our community. We see it here in Cleveland Heights. We are neighbors to one of the largest bodies of freshwater in the world. We need to protect it and we need to preserve it for ourselves and for future generations and frankly, I can't help but notice the poignancy of making this resolution tonight because the Paris Climate Accord isn't about preserving our world for us. It's about preserving it for future generations and I think it's very poignant that this resolution is coming before Council tonight on the very night that we have three young women from our community letting us know what's important to them; and while this is ceremonial, ceremony matters. Saying, 'I don't agree with this,' or, 'I want this,' matters, be it Paris Climate Accord, be it a petition saying please keep a playground. So, I'm proud to add my voice in support of this resolution tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Anyone else like to make a statement at this time? Ms. Sabin, if you would call the roll please."

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

Nays: Dunbar

Laurie Sabin stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We move next..."

Councilman Seren stated, "Actually."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do you have something else to say?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Yeah, just one brief announcement before I close this section out. I just wanted to make our residents aware of the Access Cleveland Heights mobile app. This is an app that you can find, I imagine, in the Google Play Store if they still call it that. I don't have Android, but... or the App Store."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "App Store."

Councilman Seren stated, "And so this is an app that residents can use to report issues to the City directly. So, if you see, you know, a pot hole or a broken water main, maybe not the water mains anymore."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "A burned out traffic signal."

Councilman Seren stated, "A burned out traffic signal – that's an excellent example. You can snap a photo, send it with location data to the City and create a ticket for the Public Works Department to fulfill and correct the issue. So, I just wanted to make people aware of it if you weren't already aware of that. It's called Access Cleveland Heights. You can look it up in your App Store."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to Administrative Services Committee. Councilwoman Roe."

Report of the Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I have no legislation to discuss this evening. I just want to make my colleagues aware that we will be scheduling an Administrative Services Committee meeting hopefully in the next couple of weeks."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to Community Relations and Recreation Committee. Vice Mayor Stein."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. This committee does not have a report tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And next we move to the Finance Committee, Councilman Ungar."

Report of the Finance Committee

Councilman Ungar stated, "Thank you. We have Resolution Number 86-2017 which is our second reading. This is a resolution approving the adoption of the 2018 Tax Budget. I know this is a hot button issue these days. It is an emergency resolution, but it is explained in the materials that that is in order to permit that our filing with the – is it the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission – within the time period that is specified by law. So, there is an actual urgency to it as I understand it. I move approval of that."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If you would call the roll please, Madam Clerk."

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

 Nays: None

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Councilman Ungar, is there something else you'd like to share?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Just one. I'm wearing my Vice Chair of Administrative Services Committee hat and exercising a point of personal privilege. The purpose I believe, or at least one of the purposes of our next Administrative Services Committee as all Council knows is going to be to sort through the applications that we've gotten for Charter Review and talk about the process by which we're going to be doing that as a Council and I view that as a segue way just to say what I suspect many on Council believe and that is – it is always easy to talk about what is wrong with Cleveland Heights, but I submit that if anybody wants to see what's right about Cleveland Heights, take a look at the 56 resumes and applications that we got to serve on our Charter Review Committee. That is, at least in my opinion, as thick a stack of talent as you could possibly imagine. I think that most cities would be extremely envious of having that kind of a talent pool applying for those positions. So, we are a very, very lucky city indeed. We on Council, on the other hand, have the unenviable task of going through a very thick notebook with some additional due diligence as I understand it yet to come from staff in terms of the backgrounds of the individuals who applied, but I am confident that we're going to come up with a wow committee, and I can tell you, we've got just a wow group of applicants that have very graciously submitted their applications. So, I'm just thrilled about that fact and I know I'm not the only one on Council who's... it's just an incredible outpouring of talent and this speaks an awful lot about the City of Cleveland Heights and what we have here."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Agreed. Thank you, Councilman."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Thank you. Thank you for allowing me that point of privilege."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much. I have two pieces of legislation this evening, both highly related. The first one is Resolution 89-2017. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the State of Ohio, through the Office of the District One Public Works Integrating Committee, for Ohio Public Works Commission funds to be used for the Mayfield Road Signalization Project (along the Mayfield Road corridor between Kenilworth Road and Warrensville Center Road). This is a resolution to authorize the City Manager to make such application and I hereby submit it for passage this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll please?"

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

 Nays: None

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution Number 89-2017 passes. Next we move to Resolution Number 90-2017. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the State of Ohio through the Office of the District One Public Works Integrating Committee, for Ohio Public Works Commission funds to be used for the Meadowbrook Boulevard Reconstruction Project (between South Taylor Road and the eastern border of Cleveland Heights), so I hereby present Resolution Number 90-2017 to authorize the City Manager to make such application this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Madam Clerk."

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

 Nays: None

Laurie Sabin stated, "Seven ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution Number 90-2017 passes. Councilwoman Yasinow, anything you'd like to share with us this evening?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Just a few quick mentions. First off, I would like to just say congratulations and to give a shout out to our Parks and Recreation Department for the successful Cain Park Arts Fest. It was our 40th year. We could not have asked for better weather. It was excellent attendance. Everyone had a fantastic time overall. So, I always want to say congratulations on that. Second in order, quick congratulations to Councilwoman Mary Dunbar. While she was on vacation, she participated in a 5-mile race where she was the number one in her age and gender group. She also was the only person in such group, but still. I could have been under identical circumstances and I don't believe I would have won. For my fellow nerd friends and fans and constituents out there, Game of Thrones started last night. It was a lot of fun. So, Winter has come for House Frey."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Winter?"

Councilman Seren stated, "No spoilers."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "For other friends who are nerds, there's the first female Dr. Who coming up. So, yeah, really. So, that's... I'm really happy about both of those things. And just to everyone, I hope that you are enjoying your summer, the warm, wonderful weather and as always, please do lock your cars and keep your valuables in the trunk. Thank you very much."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Can I say something?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is it for entertainment purposes?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Well, no, we just received this Annual Report for residential recycling and I just wanted to call to your attention that Cleveland Heights did very well in recycling, but it's mainly because of composting which I think is due to all the leaves we have in the trees that get recycled in the City. We could frankly do better on the recycling side it looks like from this report, but overall, we are..."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Good."

Mayor Stephens stated, "We're in the top five, aren't we?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "We are number one."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Well, that's not so shabby."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Number one for our region."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "And I have to congratulate our Public Works on collecting all those leaves and recycling them; composting them."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Councilwoman Dunbar. Next we move to the Mayor's Report. I too want to recognize staff for Cain Park. It was Cain Park's 40th year anniversary for the Arts

Festival this year and it was very nicely done. I spent two days at the park with staff and want to talk about the fact that Cain Park and its arts activities symbolizes a significant part of who we are as a community as Home for the Arts. People told us, as staff and elected officials, that they didn't receive as much TLC from many of the other arts activities that they participate in as vendors and we recognized the Feinberg family with the renaming of the gallery on behalf of making it generically the Feinberg Gallery. Harvey was a very smart man. He was the patriarch of arts at Cain Park and its blossoming into a theater as well as a fixed art medium types of activities and he was lucky enough to find two women who love Cain Park and the arts activity to share his life and so, it was Cleveland Heights's pleasure to have the attention of all three of those people and so, the children of Harvey, Audrey and Honey all attended an event with staff on Sunday morning. It is this kind of long-term commitment today and tomorrow, making the future for the three young women who are in this room today something that they'll want to come home to if they go to Harvard, Oxford or Stanford. It will still be someplace they want to come home to and that is pretty much this Council's goal, not just to legislate for today, but to legislate for the future. So, I thank the members of our community for continuing to be willing to participate in the activities that we undertake and for finding people to share their lives who will share this wonderful community, who never grew up here, but come back here because of the people they married or the people they interact with. So, this evening, I want to thank the residents of our community for participating and for working on helping us keep this one of the best communities in our state in the future. And again, thanks for listening and watching us this evening and may God bless America and God bless Cleveland Heights. This brings to an end the Council meeting of Monday, June 17, I'm sorry, July 17. I went backwards for some reason."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Take me back."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Our next Council meeting will be Monday, July 31, 2017."

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Laurie Sabin, Clerk of Council

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