

City Council for the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, held a Committee Meeting of the Whole on the above date at 6:35 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, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Rothenberg, Sabin, Spencer, Wong

Councilwoman Yasinow moved to begin Executive Session 1) To consider the appointment of a public official; 2) To consider the terms of a purchase of real property for public purposes; 3) To discuss, with an attorney for the public body, claims or disputes involving the public body that, in the judgment of such attorney, appear likely to be the subject of a future claim. Councilwoman Roe seconded. Executive Session began at 7:20 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman Roe moved to end Executive Session and Councilman Ungar seconded.

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

Nays: None

Executive Session ended at 7:28 p.m.

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

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

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to City of Cleveland Heights City Council meeting. It's Monday, October 16, 2017. This is our regular City Council meeting. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll please?"

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

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to the minutes for City Council meeting. Do we have any changes or recommendations?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I gave mine."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you and this is a favorite time for all of us. It is a time for personal communications from residents, citizens or business members, members of the business community or anyone who'd just like to talk to Council in general. If you're interested in speaking to City Council, we ask you to wait to be recognized by me and then move to the microphone in the podium. Give us your name, your address and please try and speak for three minutes or less. At this time, we'll recognize anyone who'd like to speak. Yes, ma'am, if you'll move to the podium. Welcome."

Sadie Stewart stated, "Welcome, that's very nice to say. I'm embarrassed to say that I've never been to a City Council meeting. I think that we should all do it sometime, but unfortunately, I have something that I'm deeply concerned about. My name is Sadie Stewart. I'm originally from Tuskegee, Alabama, but my mother moved here after my family died out from Tuskegee and bought a home in Cleveland Heights and since that time, I did not go to school here, but while I was in law school, my son went to elementary school here. So, I'm very familiar with Cleveland Heights. I became ill with lupus while practicing law in Florida, ending up coming here in '98 and been here ever since. I am not what you would call a politician. I'm not active. I'm not running for office or anything, but I have observed something in Cleveland Heights that is really disturbing to me. I'm involved with Independent Voting which is a national organization concerned about voters' rights; not getting people elected, but the process and the process here as I unfortunately observed, there was a ... there is a sign for someone who is running for judge that's on commercial property. My understanding is that that's not allowed and not only that, but someone else who had a sign on commercial property was told to take theirs down and the person who has the sign up is a white female and I understand that there's a black male running for judge and a white and the sign by Miss Hayden is strategically placed at entrances to the black community in violation of the ordinance."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Ma'am, if you give us the address, we will call the property owner and ask them to take it down and the officer. In addition, the City Manager sent in an Email, I believe, to all the candidates to office telling them what was legal, what was appropriate and what was inappropriate and most of us who gave signs to people and they put them in the wrong locations immediately talked to people who put them in the wrong location and got them moved and so..."

Sadie Stewart stated, "So, I'm sure she received the notice saying that was improper."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Yes, ma'am, she did and the property owner – that property owner and any other property owner – that has in a commercial district that has improper signs displayed have been contacted and if they have not complied, we are following through with our process and that is for every candidate."

Sadie Stewart stated, "The other person, the black candidate, Mr. Little, took his sign down immediately. That sign for Hayden has been up almost a month that I know of and there's no way that the city didn't see it because it's right next to the Community Center."

Tanisha Briley stated, "I assure you that we've been in touch with the property owner. We cannot, unfortunately, remove signs from private property, but we..."

Said Stewart stated, "Well, has he been fined?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "We do have recourse under our ordinances and we are following those for that property owner and any other who refuses to come into compliance."

Sadie Stewart stated, "But my question is – why is that sign allowed to be there?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "The sign is not allowed to be there."

Sadie Stewart stated, "It's there and it's been there for four weeks."

Tanisha Briley stated, "I understand."

Sadie Stewart stated, "And it's been there since Mr. Little was required to take his sign down and there's no way that it's not seen. I mean, the sign is right there where you come out of the community center and the other one is..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "The community center?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Yeah, right at Cumberland. Ma'am, just to reiterate, we have made, all of the candidate have been given notice of where it is and where it isn't appropriate for signs to be placed. The property owner where there has been inappropriate signs has also received that notice. As I understand, the City Manager and the city are following all of our proper options and sometimes that takes time, but I believe frankly that at this point, might I recommend that if you believe that a candidate has put a sign in a place that is inappropriate, that might be a question for you to take to the that specific candidate."

Sadie Stewart stated, "No, that is a violation of the city ordinance. I'm bringing it to Council because it's the city's responsibility to enforce the ordinance and certainly a judicial candidate's obligation to make sure she is in compliance with the ordinance."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Ma'am, we are not in disagreement with you. What you need to do..."

Sadie Stewart stated, "I know you're not."

Mayor Stephens stated, "What I will do is ask the City Manager if we can make an additional set of calls so that we can make sure that it is clear it needs to come down ASAP."

Sadie Stewart stated, "My point, my question though is – why has it not been enforced?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "It is being enforced, ma'am, but we cannot remove the sign. The property owner must do so."

Sadie Stewart stated, "Has he been cited?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Yes, ma'am, we are moving forward with all of our..."

Sadie Stewart stated, "Because Mr. Little could have just let his sign stay up then if that was the case, if there's no penalty for leaving it up there."

Mayor Stephens stated, "There is a penalty. First you get notice; you understand the process we have to go through. First, there's a phone call. Then, there's written notice. Then, we can ticket after we..."

Sadie Stewart stated, "That's why I waited four weeks."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, I don't know where we are in the process. Are we ready to ticket now?"

Sadie Stewart stated, "That's what I'm asking. Where are we in the process? I don't want this behind closed doors because there are a lot of people out there that think this is entirely prejudicial."

Mayor Stephens stated, "No, ma'am, it is not."

Tanisha Briley stated, "It is absolutely not and I can assure you that all of the candidates for judge that are not represented by that sign have equally complained. We are following our processes. There's another candidate for judge who's also complained about that same sign. We are enforcing."

Sadie Stewart stated, "I'm glad to hear that. I'm glad to hear that."

Tanisha Briley stated, "We are enforcing our ordinance. We plan to do so. All of the candidates, whether it's School Board, City Council or Judge, have been notified, reminded as a courtesy about our ordinances and warned that if signs are placed in the right of way, we will remove those immediately and they can come and pick those up at City Hall and if signs are on private property, we will first start with a courtesy call to the property owner and if we do not receive compliance, we will follow through with the enforcement of the ordinance. So, we are enforcing it."

Sadie Stewart stated, "Unfortunately, I didn't read the enforcement ordinance, but how long does a person have to respond or is that arbitrary?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "It's not arbitrary and the person can be fined, but if they decide to take the fine and keep the sign up, then we have to take other action."

Sadie Stewart stated, "So, you're telling me that it's possible that it remains up past the election and nothing would be done?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "May I talk with you after the meeting please?"

Sadie Stewart stated, "No, this is where we need to discuss this. Here. Because that's how people get misunderstandings and people fabricate everything. I mean, you just don't know the rumors that are circulating regarding that woman and that sign."

Tanisha Briley stated, "I hope that my comments have dispelled any of those untruths. We, the city, have sent a message. All candidates are aware of our sign regulations and those who choose not to comply, we will enforce with all of the tools that we have available to us."

Sadie Stewart stated, "Most ordinances are governed by time frames, so what is the time frame on Miss Hayden's sign?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "I can't quote that for you off the top of my head which is why I'm happy to talk with you more off-line."

Sadie Stewart stated, "Okay, one other issue because I don't want to leave this on a negative note. Last summer there was an incident in my neighborhood and it required the police to arrive. The Police Chief spent so much time. She was so patient in resolving that issue that could have been a powder keg for our entire community and city and I just want to commend her because I'm here and I really, really wish she were here so I could tell her that."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "She is right there."

Sadie Stewart stated, "Where is she? You remember me?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "She snuck in. She wasn't there earlier."

Sadie Stewart stated, "And remembers me. She was so patient and you see how I can be sometimes, right? She spent time with the people who were involved in the dispute. She spent so much time patiently handling that situation. I am so proud, proud of that and then she even entertained my venting for a few minutes, but I just wanted to say that to Council, let you know that some things are going beautifully."

Several Councilmembers thanked her.

Mayor Stephens stated, "We don't have a very long agenda this evening, so if you could hold on, we will follow up with you, okay?"

Sadie Stewart stated, "Okay."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anyone else who'd like to speak to Council this evening? Yes, ma'am."

Jessica Shields stated, "I'm Jessica Shields. I live at 4005 Navahoe Road and this is Betty Diggs."

Betty Diggs stated, "I'm from 3173 Yorkshire Road."

Jessica Shields stated, "And I am a pastor here in Cleveland Heights. I pastor what is now Peace Lutheran Church and my co-pastor is the Reverend Don King. I think many of you are familiar with him and (not the other Don King), but I am here to introduce you and to invite you to our new congregation. We are a consolidation of the former Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the former Hope Lutheran Church

and we are located... Peace Lutheran Church is in Bethlehem's old building just to the east of Severance Circle here, but on October 29, we are having our chartering and installation service where Pastor King and I will be installed as the co-pastors of Peace and our bishop will be there. So, that is our official, we are official in the eyes of the church and the eyes of the state on that day and so, I only have two postcards, but I do have two invitations and I just wanted to introduce you to what I believe is the newest church in Cleveland Heights."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. If you'll give those to the City Manager, that way she can have her staff make copies and put it in all of our packages. Thank you."

Jessica Shields stated, "Thank you."

Several Councilmembers thanked her.

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the congregation? I'm sorry, focused on church, to City Council. It was a 'C.' All right, thank you."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Oh wait, we have somebody that just raised his hand."

Luke Gold stated, "Hello, my name is Luke Gold. I live at 1928 Parkway Drive. I've lived in Cleveland Heights since I was about five-years-old, went to the public school system. I'm a proud Cleveland Heights resident. I just wanted to come and briefly voice support for Ordinance 106-2017. I'm really happy to see the city is considering legislation to support the immigrant community, to not allow our city resource to be leveraged by federal entities to enforce federal discriminatory practices. I'm most hopeful that this legislation comes as a positive example for the kind of city legislation that can be passed to support those communities. So, that's all I wanted to say. Thank you for considering that."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We're having a public hearing on that."

Councilman Seren stated, "Tomorrow at 7:00 we'll be having a full public hearing digging into the details of the legislation and hopefully shedding some light and explaining some things about it, so you're welcome to either show up. We'll be in this room. We'll be filming it, so if you can't show up, you're welcome to look at it on YouTube as well, but I encourage everybody to show up."

Luke Gold stated, "Okay, thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there anyone else who would like to speak to City Council this evening? Did I miss any hands? Okay, thank you. With that, we will close the personal communication section of our Council meeting this evening. Next, the report of the City Manager.

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Mayor. I'd like to request permission to issue a Request for Proposals to replace the playground equipment at Caledonia Park in 2018."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I'd like to refer that to the Community Relations and Recreation Committee of City Council. Vice Mayor Stein, it's up for you to review."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Can I make a motion now? I move that we approve that request."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. If you would call the roll, Ms. Sabin, please."

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

Nays: None

Laurie Sabin stated, "And seven ayes."

Motion Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anything else?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Just Amen."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Amen. Thank you. Next we have the report of the Director of Finance/Clerk of Council."

Report of the Director of Finance/Clerk of Council

Laurie Sabin stated, "Well, I would like to notify Council that Resolutions of the Board of Zoning Appeals have been received pertaining to variances in the Zoning Code and are requested by the following: BZA Cal. No. 3433: Yeshiva Derech Hatorah, 1700 South Taylor Road, to permit a 6-foot tall fence in the corner side yard next to 3436 Euclid Heights Boulevard and in the front yard next to 1732 South Taylor Road; and to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That will be referred to the Planning and Development Committee of Council and we'll hear that matter in that section of the Council meeting. Is there anything else?"

Laurie Sabin stated, "Yes, ma'am, regarding three Board of Liquor request notices. The first being - I'd like to notify Council that there are three notices that have been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that application has been made by the following: Taco Heights LLC, 1st FL Mezzanine Basement & Patio, 2246 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, which is a new D3A permit. Taco Heights, LLC, at the same address, 1st FL Mezzanine Basement & Patio, 2246 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, is a transfer D2, D2X, D3 and D6 permits from Russo Heights Holdings LLC, 1st FL Mezzanine Basement & Patio, of the same 2246 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. At lastly, Mayfield Coventry, Inc., 2879 Mayfield Road, 1st floor, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, transfer C1, C2 and D6 permits from 2879 Mayfield Inc., Dean

Depiero Rcvr, 2879 Mayfield Road, 1st floor, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118; and to make this a Matter of Record.”

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. I’d like to refer these to Public Safety and Health Committee of Council, and Councilman Seren, would you like to handle this now or later?”

Councilman Seren stated, “I’ll wait.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Okay, thank you. Next we... is there anything else, ma’am?”

Laurie Sabin stated, “No, that completes my report. Thank you.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. Next we move to committee reports. Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow.”

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “All right, Your Honor. I have several pieces of legislation for consideration tonight. The first is a Resolution Number 108-2017. This is a resolution authorizing the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete a project improving traffic signals and pedestrian crossing facilities within the City of Cleveland Heights.”

Councilman Ungar stated, “Second.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you.”

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, “I’d like to add a comment. Yes, I just wanted to add that this is now being put out to bid, but the funding for this comes from Safe Routes to Schools, money that has been granted by the Ohio Department of Transportation to the City of Cleveland Heights and applying for these funds has been a lengthy process and having the funding actually come through is lengthy as well. I have to credit our city staff for getting the funds starting with Jennifer Kuzma, but including our Public Works Department, Alex Mannarino and Planning Department’s Richard Wong as well. So, this is gradually we’re getting, assuming that the bids come in properly, we will be using those funds and just wanted to give credit where it was due to people that worked together to get the money.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. Ms. Sabin, would you call the roll please?”

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

 Nays: None

Laurie Sabin stated, “Seven ayes, Your Honor.”

Motion Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good. This Resolution 108-2017 passes. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much. I have a second resolution this evening. This is Number 109-2017. 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 Washington Boulevard Rehabilitation Project."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Any comments? If you would call the roll please."

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

 Nays: None

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

Motion Passed

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

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Yes, so for those who may not be aware because apparently there's some Christmas signs coming up, but there's Halloween, which is happening even sooner and there are going to be three celebrations for my favorite holiday here in the City of Cleveland Heights in our three Special Improvement Districts. First up, this Friday, October 20, there will be the Cedar Lee Candy Crawl which will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Cedar Lee Business District. This is, by the way, these are events for children. We encourage children to come in costumes. All children must be accompanied by adults. Please come, have fun at the Cedar Lee Candy Crawl this Friday, October 20, starting at 5:00 p.m. Then, on Sunday, there's the Cedar Fairmount Fall Festival that will begin at noon and I believe it continues until 5:00; and then finally, there's CovenTreat 2017. CovenTreat will occur on Friday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and there will be city booths I believe at all of these events, so you should come and have a spooktacular time. And, just as always, I encourage people to please lock your cars and hide your valuables just to make sure that things stay safe here in Cleveland Heights, That is all."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next, moving to the Planning and Development Committee of Council, Councilwoman Dunbar."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Tonight on first reading I offer Resolution Number 110-2017; a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the Community Development Block Grant entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2018; and declaring an emergency. We'll vote on this in two weeks and I'd like to add a little context to help everyone understand why this matters. Your city has been receiving CDBG funds for 44 years. I'd like to acknowledge that we get a lot of help from the Citizens Advisory Committee on evaluating how to spend the available funds which we are anticipating or hoping will be in excess of \$1,500,000 for this grant. Most of these funds go to support city operations (about 75% or more) and the rest goes to a variety of non-profits that help us meet community needs, and the goals of the block grant funds are to ensure the availability and sustainability of decent housing and a suitable living environment for all Cleveland Heights residents and for the city, this helps us fund the Housing Preservation Office, CDBG administration and finance, the Office on Aging and neighborhood relations programs; and in addition, it helps to fund a variety of [initiatives] where we provide some support to other organizations such as the Heights Youth Club, Open Doors Academy and so on. The second goal is to expand opportunities of low and moderate income [residents] and again, this goes to such groups as the Cedar-Lee, Cedar-Taylor Development Association, but it also helps us pay for some of our economic development and administration programs and deliveries. So, basically about 78% of the funds will be for this city and so it's an important source of funding for us and we'll be voting on it in a couple weeks. So, I'm done with that one."

"The other piece of legislation I'm offering tonight is Resolution Number 111-2017; a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Northeast Ohio Area Wide Coordinating Agency for a grant under the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Planning Grant Program to fund a study on the Coventry Village Business District and surrounding neighborhood; and declaring an emergency. So again, by way of explanation, this actually enables FutureHeights to obtain a Northeast Ohio Area Wide Coordinating Agency, also known as NOACA, grant under the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Planning Grant Program to fund a study of the Coventry Village Business District and surrounding neighborhood. The proposed study would focus on comprehensive and coordinated transit improvements to complement nearby assets and mixed-use redevelopment efforts in the Coventry Village neighborhood; evaluate best practices for pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit to facilitate activity within the business district and to link to neighboring assets and activity centers; and also evaluate redevelopment opportunities on vacant or underutilized land. If the NOACA grant is awarded, FutureHeights will provide the required matching funds of \$4,000 as well as services needed to administer and otherwise coordinate the study. The title of this study, if funded, will be *Coventry Village 2018 Transportation and Redevelopment*. The NOACA grant would be \$50,000. FutureHeights gets credit for writing this grant application in 2 days, but we will be collaborating with them. The city will be collaborating with them on it. I suspect many Cleveland Heights residents are unaware that quite a few of our transportation improvements have to be preceded by a TLCI grants. The buffered bike lanes on Edgehill Road, the multi-purpose trail in Cedar Glen and others were all prefaced and enabled by TLCI grants. Bottom line is your city can't get funding for such projects without a study saying that this project will be beneficial, so this resolution sets the stage for improvements in the Coventry Village area. So, I urge my Council colleagues to join me in supporting it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Are there comments?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "There is a comments. Thank you, Your Honor. I do support this legislation tonight and I definitely applaud FutureHeights for taking this up and moving forward with this study. However, I do just want to kind of make a point that [for] the time I've been on Council, I've seen us go for NOACA funding for a few times. We've been able to help the Lee Road District. We've been able to help the Cedar Fairmount District with these grants, these studies and then investment in these areas and now we indirectly are helping in assisting Coventry Village, but I want this Council to remember that there are other districts in the city that continue to need more city help and they are not getting enough help – Noble Road, Taylor Road – these areas – parts of Mayfield – just continually get underserved by our city government and I just want to remind all of us that as we are going to be considering this legislation now, and I hope it does pass, that we really need to begin focusing on Noble, Taylor and those districts too."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Well said."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Any other comments? All right, if you would call the roll please."

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Resolution 111-2017 passes. Councilwoman Dunbar, is there anything else?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Just one other thing. I wanted to report that I'm no longer the only avid bicyclist on City Council. Councilman Ungar joined us on a bicycle ride that Lenny Horowitz led around Cleveland Heights through [many] of our parks a couple of weeks ago and as soon as the election is over, I believe he's hoping to get back to doing a lot more bicycling. So, I would say I see more and more bicyclists around town, but it's nice to have somebody on City Council join as well."

Councilman Ungar stated, "I enjoyed myself, but let the record reflect that I trailed her the entire time, by a lot."

Mayor Stephens stated, "We have one other Planning and Development issue, that we have a Board of Zoning Appeals resolution. Councilman Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Council President. I move to approve the Resolution of the Board of Zoning Appeals Calendar Number 3433: WHEREAS, Yeshiva Derech Hatorah, 1700 South Taylor Road, in an 'A' single-family district, in their request for a variance from the fence regulations, to permit 6-foot tall fence in the corner side yard where a 4-foot tall fence is the maximum height allowed."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

BZA Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Calendar Number 3433 from the Board of Zoning Appeals passes. Any other comments, Councilwoman Dunbar?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "That should do it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, thank you. Next we move to Public Safety and Health Committee. Councilman Seren."

Report of the Public Safety and Health Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. All right, so first piece of legislation – I move that we approve Resolution Number 112-2017; authorizing an agreement with Horton Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of a new ambulance for the Fire Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor in an amount not to exceed \$256,000; and declaring an emergency."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution Number 112-2017 passes. Councilman Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "Second piece of legislation – I move that we approve Resolution Number 113-2017; adopting the 2017-2022 update of the *Countywide All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Cuyahoga County*; and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

 Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution Number 113-2017 passes."

Councilman Seren stated, "And the last piece of legislation on the agenda has been temporarily withdrawn while some adjustments are made. So, I'm imagining we'll be hearing that back on the agenda in a couple weeks."

Mayor Stephens stated, "All right, thank you. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us this evening?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Just to reiterate that tomorrow I will be holding a committee meeting – Public Safety and Health Committee – to discuss legislation regarding local involvement in civil federal immigration law. So, I welcome you all to attend. I imagine if anybody's watching this on YouTube, it's probably too late, but everybody in the room, you're welcome to attend tomorrow, 7:00 in this room. I look forward to it."

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

Report of the Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Thank you. I would like to move the appointment of 15 individuals to serve on the Charter Review Commission and once my motion is seconded, I would like to speak to it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I move we appoint to the Charter Review Commission Patrycia Ajdukiewicz, Jessica Cohen, Craig Cobb, Michael Gaynier, C. Randolph Keller, Howard Maier, John Newman, Jr., David Perelman, Carla Rautenberg, Vince Reddy, Maia Rucker, Allosious Snodgrass, Katherine Solender, James Vail [and] Sarah West. This was a very difficult task. We had 57 applicants for 15 positions. The applicants were all of high quality, experienced in many different ways. We had a very difficult time choosing only 15. We hope those people that are not chosen will still take part in the process because the meetings of the Charter Review Commission will be public. They will be televised and there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to participate in the process. We have also engaged the services of a professor from Cleveland State University, Dr. Lawrence Keller, who will facilitate the working of the Charter Review Commission. He has similar experiences in other cities and we're very delighted to move forward with this process."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Are there any other comments?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Just one. I'm not sure if the original motion really allows for the appointment of those specific individuals, so we might need a second for that motion."

Councilman Ungar stated, "I second it. I'll speak to it and just agree A.) It was an incredibly difficult process and B.) I don't think we could be a luckier city in terms of the caliber of the applicants and the caliber and quality of those that will serve and I just echo the sentiments of the Chair of the Administrative Service Committee, Councilperson Roe, that those that aren't selected to be on the committee, they've all indicated an interest in what the committee is going to be doing and there are going to be plenty of opportunities for all of them to be heard and I hope they all take full advantage of that opportunity. I know the Charter Commission will be interested in hearing from them."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I'd like to... would someone else like to make a statement?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Just to quickly reiterate everything that has been said. We are a very blessed city with individuals of, frankly, breathtaking talent. It was not an easy decision just to figure out amongst how many qualified people were there. So, to those who applied, thank you for taking your time. Thank you for your interest in this city and frankly, I believe I can speak for all of us when I say we look forward to your endeavors with this city and hope that we can take you, your talents, your abilities and put it to the use that you deserve."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I want to remind everyone who is watching or listening now, these will all be open meetings and they will also all be taped. We invite everyone to attend and participate. This is the first time this has been done in 34 years, I believe, and so it is a very significant step for this community. Staff liaisons for this will be the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager and so there will be, if you have miscellaneous questions about things during the day and you can't reach a Councilmember or a member of the committee, you can reach out to them. Mr. Keller will also be available. With that, I'd like for the roll to be called."

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

Nays: None

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

Appointments Made

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This passes. Is there anything else from your committee, Councilwoman Roe? That was enough, wasn't it? That was heavy lifting."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes and I did forget to say one thing. I want to make sure to emphasize that we have applicants that represent the full diversity of this city in terms of the people that were chosen including all the wards that exist. So, it is truly representative of Cleveland Heights."

Mayor Stephen's 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, "Next we have a Finance Committee."

Report of the Finance Committee

Councilman Ungar stated, "Same report as Vice Mayor Stein."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. I'd like to recognize Councilwoman Dunbar."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Okay, this is a little ridiculous, but the Happy 5-K was October 8 and I gather it was a great success. It raised more than \$7,000 for the Youth Scholarship Programs and had over 600 people involved in it and I normally would have gone to that, but I was busily collecting my third marathon medal at the Chicago Marathon instead. I'm wearing it. Here it is if anybody wants to admire it and it was ridiculous because it was hot and it's the slowest marathon I've ever run, but also I came in number three in my age, gender group which is the best I've ever done in a marathon, so I was happy about it just for showing up."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Since nobody else here is a runner, we would have been way behind you."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I will say that there was the Cleveland Heights team for the 5K and Councilman Ungar and I did walk the 5K."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Well, I walked it."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Oh, and you beat us because we were literally the last two finishers for the Happy 5K. I won't say who was the last which was Councilman Ungar and then myself

only in the second last, but that is what happened and before I forget all of the races, Forest Hill had a 5K yesterday and that was also a huge success as well.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “So we have a lot of healthy people in the community. That’s a very good thing. Oh yes, I want to recognize the City Manager. There’s one more thing you wanted to share with us. There’s opposition to a liquor license.”

Tanisha Briley stated, “Yes, the Police Chief has expressed objection to the transfer of the liquor license that came before you earlier this evening.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. Councilman Seren.”

Councilman Seren stated, “Thank you, Madam President. I would like to move that we authorize and support the Chief of Police in her opposition to this liquor license transfer.”

Councilman Ungar stated, “Second.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you.”

Jim Juliano stated, “Can we identify the liquor license for the record?”

Councilman Seren stated, “I apologize. The liquor license transfer - the Mayfield Coventry, Inc., 2879 Mayfield Road, 1st floor, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.”

Councilman Ungar stated, “Second.”

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

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

 Nays: None

Motion Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, “We have seven votes against providing a liquor license to the property located at 2879 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Coventry license transfer.”

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Stephens stated, “And with that, we come to the close of another Council meeting. I’m surprised that none of my colleagues, especially those up for election with me this year, mentioned that early voter registration and voting began on October 11. If you are an American citizen registered to vote, we strongly encourage you to vote in this year’s election. Most of the issues are local. There are a few countywide issues that you should pay attention to. Most of us are supporting Tri-C’s levy and the port levy. We want to encourage you to read about those issues and to read about those of us who are up for election to serve you. It’s your right to tell us. The most important thing that you can do when we have elections is register to vote and vote. Use your rights to talk to us and tell us how you want things

to operate. Election Day this year is Tuesday, November 7, so please remember to vote. God bless this community and God bless America. Thank you. The next City Council meeting will be November 6, the day before the election. Thank you.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Laurie Sabin, Clerk of Council

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