



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Monday, March 16, 2020 Minutes

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

7:00 – 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Seren, Stein, Ungar
Phone: Hart, Russell

Staff present: Briley, Hanna, Niermann O’Neil

Executive Session

7:06 – 7:25 p.m.

Council Member Dunbar made a motion to begin Executive Session, which was seconded by Council Member Ungar to consider the appointment of a public employee.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar
Nays: None

Council Member Dunbar made a motion to end Executive Session, which was seconded by Council Member Ungar.

CITY COUNCIL

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar
Excused: None

Staff present: Staff present: Briley, Hanna, Niermann O’Neil

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley requested a motion to confirm Amy Himmelein as Finance Director and Clerk of Council effective April 13, 2020.

Motion by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call: Present: Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar

Excused: None

Motion Passed

Tanisha Briley stated there are currently 13 cases of coronavirus in Cuyahoga County gave an overview of the state of emergency and closures. City Hall is closed. Essential services including Police and Fire responses and trash collection continue.

Council Member Ungar requested regular updates on www.clevelandheights.com and NextDoor.

Mayor Stein commented on the regular updates online.

Council Member Dunbar commented on the dedication of staff.

Council Member Seren asked if there are employees in the recreation center. Tanisha Briley replied there were employees there today doing a lot of cleaning and organizing, but there would be a phasing out for non-essential employees. Council Member Seren asked about prorating and extending paid memberships. Tanisha Briley stated memberships would be extended.

Council Member Hart encouraged residents to have take-out from local restaurants. Council Member Seren reminded residents to tip restaurant employees as well.

Public Comments

Mayor Stein stated there are no public comments tonight, but a few letters were received that would be read into the record.

About a dozen letters were received regarding the redevelopment of Milliken Playground. When the school was closed, neighbors added a swing set and turning structure. With a grant application, they added a balance beam, garden and decorations. Neighbors are applying for more grant money for the playground.

Council Member Dunbar stated she received a request for adaptive reuse in the redevelopment of the stables.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Ungar commended Mayor Stein for the use of a consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2020 (PSH). A Resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency

Introduced by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call: Ayes: Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar
Nays: None

Legislation Passed

Council Member Yasinow reminded residents to take their valuables from their car with them and lock their doors for safety purposes. She thanked all the residents of Cleveland Heights.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2020 (AS), *First Reading*. An Ordinance amending Section 6 of Ordinance No. 17-2020, “Wage and Salary Ordinance,” to provide clarity and fill-in gaps on various provisions

Legislation Introduced

Council Member Seren stated he would like this to be on first reading and discussed in a committee meeting. Mayor Stein asked for clarification from the City Manager and stated he had discussed it with some Council Members. Tanisha Briley stated it was only cleaning up the language for the part-time accrual of vacation and advancing of the bank which only effects approximately 24 employees. She stated she was concerned about referring this to Council since committee meetings had been cancelled. Law Director Bill Hanna clarified which part of the accrual equation had changed. Council Member Ungar stated his concern for it being postponed and asked the City Manager why she would like it passed this evening. Tanisha Briley stated she would like it passed because it would allow us to shift to this accrual basis. Staff recently reviewed the definitions of employee status and defined what it meant to be a permanent part-time employee which meant there were about 15 employees that should have been considered that and should have been entitled to vacation benefits. The advancement of the bank of hours would allow for that. Council Member Hart stated these were seasonal workers that changed, but in a corporation, the change is going forward. Tanisha Briley stated changing the policy is not a legislative role. Council Member Ungar stated he thought this was going to be read for passage and would vote on it, but there would not be sufficient votes for it to pass.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

No report.

Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend rules by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call: Ayes: Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar
Nays: None

Motion Passed

Council and staff discussed the procedure of a consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2020 (CRR). A Resolution joining with HUD and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to open housing

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2020 (CRR). A Resolution proclaiming April 2020 to be *Autism Awareness Month* and April 2, 2020 to be *World Autism Awareness Day*

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2020 (PD). A Resolution proclaiming April 13-18, 2020 to be *National Community Development Week*

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2020 (CRR). A Resolution proclaiming April 19-25, 2020 to be *National Library Week*

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2020 (CRR). A Resolution proclaiming April 2020 to be *National Poetry Month*

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2020 (PSH). A Resolution amending Resolution No. 113-2019 to eliminate possible ambiguity regarding issuance of on-street parking permits on portions of Overlook Road

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2020 (PSH). A Resolution authorizing a renewal of an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for a grant for lead remediation work in dwelling units in the City of Cleveland Heights

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2020 (AS). An Ordinance enacting and adopting Section 111.131, "Consent Agenda," of Chapter 111, "Council," of the Codified Ordinances of

the City of Cleveland Heights; amending various sections of Chapter 111, "Council," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to provide for a Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2020 (AS). A Resolution designating certain law department attorneys pursuant to R.C. 109.43(b) for the purposes of Sunshine Law training

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2020 (MS). A Resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for road salt for the 2020-21 winter season

Motion to adopt by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Russell

Bill Hanna stated that there will still be a motion to suspend the rules going forward. It places the consent agenda in the business for Council and provides for amendments to 111.13 that are consistent with the new section. Council Member Ungar stated he would prefer the legislation to allow them not to have to motion to suspend the rules each time. Tanisha Briley stated that in order to get rid of that one step, it would take a re-write of that entire section of legislative rule. Council Member Dunbar asked about the review of codified ordinances. Mayor Stein stated it did not have to be done if it was too much work. Bill Hanna stated he would review it and report back to Council.

Roll Call: Ayes: Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Yasinow, Dunbar, Hart
Nays: None

Motion Passed

Council Member Ungar made a statement about the option of using a voice vote for a consent agenda. Council Member Seren stated he had previously made that suggestion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Seren made a statement about kindness to one another in these times and wished everyone good health.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jason S. Stein, Mayor

Susanna Niermann O'Neil, Acting Clerk of Council
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