



## COUNCIL UPDATE

January 14, 2021

### MEETINGS & REMINDERS

Please note meetings are being held as webinars and conference calls. Information for residents to participate may be found on the [clevelandheights.com](http://clevelandheights.com) calendar.

Monday, January 18	-	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Tuesday, January 19	-	6:30 p.m.	- Committee of the Whole
	-	7:30 p.m.	- City Council
Wednesday, January 20	-	7:00 p.m.	- Board of Zoning Appeals
Monday, January 25	-	6:30 p.m.	- Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, January 26	-	7:00 p.m.	- Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing
Wednesday, January 27	-	7:00 p.m.	- Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 28	-	7:00 p.m.	- Democracy Day Public Hearing

### LEGISLATION

- **Appropriations:** An ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 127-2020 (F) and subsequent amending ordinances, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021
- **Bainbridge Transfer:** An Ordinance adopting procedures for the transfer of 3750 Bainbridge Road, received through the City of Cleveland Heights Land Reutilization Program, to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation; declaring the property no longer needed for a public purpose

## **UPDATES**

### **City Manager**

- Democracy Day: The 8th annual Democracy Day hearing will be held (online) on Thursday January 28th at 7:00pm. This is a hearing before members of Council established in 2013 by a vote of the people (77%) that 1.) Only human beings, not corporate entities have Constitutional rights 2.) Since money is not speech, money spent on elections can be regulated. It also established annual public hearings “to examine the impact on our City, our state and our nation of political influence by corporate and big money” in elections. Residents who wish to comment should go to the City’s website/calendar page to find the link to participate.
- Ghost Bike Tribute: In recognition of the resident who lost his life in a bicycle accident, a “Ghost Bike” will be installed by the Heights Bicycle Coalition at the corner of Lee and East Scarborough. The white bicycle is a symbol of the loss of his life. Tributes such as this are installed all over the country. A video tribute that is being prepared by the Coalition will be linked on our website. Installation will be on or around January 31.

### **Community Relations:**

- Staff is reviewing/planning for 2021 promotion and outreach.
- Staff is planning communications and activities for the City's 100-year anniversary.
- There are early planning discussions for first quarterly Focus.
- Staff is assisting in updates by departments on the Master Plan.

### **Economic Development:**

- Neighborhood Redevelopment Program (NRP) Phase I: The project includes proposed new housing construction on 42 vacant lots (24% of the City’s vacant lots) in the Noble Neighborhood Area (NelaView, Greyton Road, Dresden/Hanover) and on Desota Blvd.; We are pleased to report that three (3) proposals were received and are under review; We anticipate interviews of the three firms that submitted proposals to occur later in January.
- Neighborhood Redevelopment Program (NRP) Phase II: A Letter of Intent (LOI) between the City and our CDC partner FutureHeights has been executed, defining the roles of the parties for this project. The project involves potential infill housing constructed by KNEZ Development, comprised of 20 vacant City-owned lots (with 6 of these lots comprising

Phase I of the project) in the “Center/Mid-City” area of the community – roughly from Taylor Road to Cottage Grove Drive south of Washington Blvd. (east, west and south of the high school). The next step is for the City & FH to reach out to KNEZ to request a specific development proposal. A Draft RFP has been prepared by the Economic Development Department and sent to FH for their review and comment.

- Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook Redevelopment Site: The City received proposals from two firms for a mixed-use redevelopment of City-owned property. Presentations of these proposals and interviews of these firms are being scheduled at this time.
- The Ascent at the Top of the Hill: At this time, construction continues to forge ahead, with major elements of the project either on or ahead of schedule. The contractor has improved and continues to monitor the conditions of the access between the Buckingham Building and temporary parking created specifically for these residents.

### Housing:

- Cuyahoga County has agreed to amend the Round 8 demolition contract with the City of Cleveland Heights until December 31, 2021 due to delays this year primarily relating to Covid-19 challenges. Pending demolitions are 828 Woodview Rd. (sewer project), 3444 Beechwood Ave. (Nuisance), and 3188 Coleridge Rd. (fire damaged nuisance, appeal pending).
- The removal of hazardous trees at 832 Woodview Rd., 2406 Noble Rd., and 2809 Noble Rd. was completed recently under our Nuisance Abatement procedures. The Housing Dept. will invoice the owners of the properties for the costs of the abatement. If the costs are not paid, the amounts will be added to the property taxes for payment.
- The Lead Safe Cuyahoga 2018-21 Grant which expires in September of this year is nearly completed and has approximately \$39,000 remaining from the original \$494,200 total grant amount. We have currently reached our target goal of 40 completed units and we have 7 approved applications pending for completion. The Housing Preservation Office will continue LSC Grant Program with our 2020-2024 Grant of \$885,000 which hopes to remediate lead for at least 70 housing units throughout the City.
- CitizenServe software implementation continues for the Housing Department and as of Jan 1, 2020, all Point of Sale inspections conducted will be entered into the new system. We hope to launch the online portal within the next few weeks which will allow online applications and payments and for Point of Sale Inspections, Rental Occupancy Registrations, Vacant Registration, Out of County Registrations, and Foreclosure Bonds.

## **Parks and Recreation**

- Staff is reaching out to local hospitals, drugstores and the County Health Department in an effort to secure a drive thru COVID-19 vaccine event at the Community Center, if possible. More details to come.
- The Community Center remains closed for the month of January due to rising COVID-19 infections.
- The Parks and Recreation Department continues to offer virtual programs on Facebook Live.
- The senior center continues to outreach to local seniors with food delivery and social work services. Transportation services will be restored later this month, if safely possible, to transport seniors in need to the doctor and grocery stores.
- Staff is working on safe ways to restore outdoor services this spring and summer including Cumberland Pool, Cain Park and various outdoor sports programs in a modified fashion.

## **Fire**

- We have received the radios that were purchased with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and they will be installed soon.
- We were able to purchase (5) thermal image cameras with the extra funds from the grant and these have been received. This equipment enables us to “see” through smoke and aids us in locating victims in a fire as well as the fire itself.
- The Fire Engine we purchased from Seagrave is on the assembly line and we expect delivery in the first quarter of 2021.
- Our staff have received the first round of COVID-19 vaccines and expect the second injection at the end of January.

## **Police**

- On January 8, 2021, at 1:51 pm Officers responded to a report of a 16-year-old male shot at 3202 Euclid Heights Blvd. Upon arrival Officers located the victim behind the residence. The victim had been shot in his upper arm. Officers provided medical aid until the arrival of EMS. It was learned that the victim and his mother were inside the residence when the victim went to retrieve the keys from the vehicle parked in the driveway. Once outside, the victim was confronted by an unknown male(s) who

brandished a handgun and fired two rounds at the victim. The victim sustained an injury to his upper right arm. The suspect(s) then fled from the area to a waiting vehicle parked on Euclid Heights Blvd. The vehicle is believed to be a red Cadillac. The injury sustained by the victim was not life-threatening. Detectives are investigating.

- On January 9, 2021, 30-year-old Keven Mathews, victim who was shot at his residence 3224 Berkeley on December 28, 2020, succumbed to his injuries and died. Two people involved in the shooting have been charged thus far. Emari Chambers, age 22, has been charged with Obstructing Justice and is currently out on bond. Samuel Thomas, age 24, has been charged with Felonious Assault, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Receiving Stolen Property (possession of a stolen handgun when arrested) and Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle. He is currently being held in the County Jail on \$125,000 cash/surety bond. Additional charges are pending.
- On January 11, 2021, at 3:17 pm an Aggravated Robbery was reported at the Cedar Hill Sunoco, 12404 Cedar Road. The suspects, a man and a woman, entered the store and while the woman was getting a cup of coffee, the man brandished a handgun at the employee. The employee attempted to disarm the man, however he struck the employee in the head with the gun. The man ordered the employee to open the cash register and he complied. The woman then emptied the cash register and also took several packs of cigarettes. Officers checked the area for the suspects with negative results. The victim was transported to an area hospital by family members following the incident. His injuries were not life-threatening. The video of the robbery is being released to the media to ask for the public's help in identifying the suspects.
- On January 8, 2021, Investigator Timothy O'Haire retired from the Police Department after 35 years of service and Detective Craig Schoffstall retired after 33 and a half years of service. Both are to be commended for their outstanding service to the City Of Cleveland Heights. They will be missed.
- On January 11, 2020, the following promotions took effect:
  - Jason Moze was promoted to Detective.
  - Audre'Ana Salter was promoted to Detective
  - Christopher McHugh was promoted to Investigator
  - Roman Soyko was promoted to Investigator.
  - Elijah Argie was promoted to Police Officer, Classified Service
  - Tasoni Collymore was promoted to Police Officer, Classified Service
  - Nathan Webster was promoted to Police Officer, Classified Service

**Public Works**

**Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey**

<b>Requirements</b>		<b>Due</b>
Phase 1 SSES	CCTV - 393,658 LF	Complete
Phase 2 SSES	CCTV - 224,792 LF	30-Jun-21
Phase 1 SSES	1,980 Manhole Inspections	Complete
Phase 2 SSES	1,125 Manhole Inspections	Complete
CMOM	132,000 LF/yr Pipe Cleaned	31-Dec-21
Model	Calibrated Model	Complete

**Completed Through January 8, 2021**

	<b><u>Completed Thru January 8, 2021 (LF)</u></b>	<b><u>Overall Remaining (LF)</u></b>	<b><u>Overall Remaining (%)</u></b>
<b>CCTV Phase 1</b>	395,097	-	-
<b>CCTV Phase 2</b>	152,921	71,871	32%
<b>MHs Phase 1</b>	1,978	-	-
<b>MHs Phase 2</b>	1,115	-	-
<b>Cleaning Total</b>	625,627	-	-
<b>Cleaning (2018) only</b>	173,355	-	-
<b>Cleaning (2019) only</b>	304,188	-	-
<b>Cleaning (2020) only</b>	140,713	-	-
<b>Cleaning (2021) only</b>	7,371	124,629	94%

**Work Completed by Entity**

	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
<b>CCTV (Phase 1)</b>	19% 75,464 LF	54% 215,287 LF	27% 104,346 LF

<b>CCTV (Phase 2)</b>	12% 27,837 LF	26% 72,406 LF	23% 52,678 LF
<b>Cleaning (2020) only</b>	21% 28,086 LF	42% 61,437 LF	37% 51,190 LF
<b>Cleaning (2021) only</b>	0% 0 LF	4% 5,883 LF	1% 1,488 LF
<b>Cleaning Total</b>	30% 181,250 LF	44% 280,034 LF	26% 164,343 LF

### Model Update

Tasks	% Complete
1. Flow and rainfall Analysis	100%
2. Model Expansion in GIS	100%
3. Model Expansion in Infoworks ICM	100%
4. Delamere - Model Setup	100%
5. Delamere - DWF and WWF calibration	100%
6. Delamere - Capacity evaluation	100%
7. Delamere - Alternative development	100%
8. DWF and WWF Calibration for all flow meters	100%

*\*DWF = dry weather flow, WWF = wet weather flow*

### Capital Projects

- #20-01 - 2020 Street Resurfacing & ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program: This project is substantially completed. There are some minor remaining punch list items to be addressed by the contractor.
- #20-06 – Delamere Drive Basement Flooding Relief: Sealed bids were received on December 18<sup>th</sup> for the above project. There were three bids ranging from \$895,134.50 up to \$1,091,946.50. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving has been found to be the lowest and best responsive and responsible bidder.

- Solar Panel Update: This project is near completion. There are a couple of work items remaining including a temporary power shut-down at the community center for a few hours which is being coordinated with First Energy, final inspections, system testing and optimization, and some additional administrative work.





# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

## **Committee of the Whole**

**January 19, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Agenda**

**Online Only**

1. Legislative discussion of items on the Council agenda for Tuesday, January 19, 2021
2. Racial Justice Task Force discussion on how to proceed with appointments
3. Executive session to discuss the appointment of a public official



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

## AGENDA (tentative) – CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Online Only

Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.

<http://www.youtube.com/c/cityofclevelandheights/live>

- 1) Meeting called to order by Council President
- 2) Roll Call of Council Members
- 3) Excuse absent members
- 4) Approval of the minutes of the special Council meeting held on December 30, 2020 and the regular Council meeting held Monday, January 4, 2021
- 5) Personal communications received from citizens (via electronic mail)
- 6) Report of the City Manager

Sealed bids were received on December 18th, for project #20-06 – Delamere Drive Basement Flooding Relief. There were three bids received and Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Inc. of Middleburg Heights, Ohio's bid of \$895,134.50 has been found to be the lowest and best responsive and responsible bid.

**Matter of Record**

**Refer to:** Municipal Services Committee

Request permission to bid project #21-02 – 2021 Street Resurfacing & ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program

**Matter of Record**

**Refer to:** Municipal Services Committee

Request permission to bid project #21-03 – 2020 Surface Treating Program

**Matter of Record**

**Refer to:** Municipal Services Committee

- 7) **Report of the Chief of Police**
- 8) **Report of the Clerk of Council**
- 9) **Committee Reports**

- a.) **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021 (F).** An ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 127-2020 (F) and subsequent amending ordinances, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

Vote      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
             For                  Against                  No. Reading

- b.) **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- c.) **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 (PD).** An Ordinance adopting procedures for the transfer of 3750 Bainbridge Road, received through the City of Cleveland Heights Land Reutilization Program, to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation; declaring the property no longer needed for a public purpose

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

Vote      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
             For                  Against                  No. Reading

- d.) **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

- e.) **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- f.) **COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

- 10) **Council President’s Report**

- 11) **Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Proposed: 1/19/2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021 (F)

By Council Member

An ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 127-2020 (F) and subsequent amending ordinances, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights that:

SECTION 1. Certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 127-2020 (F) and subsequent amending ordinances all relating to appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 be, and the same hereby are increased, decreased and/or transferred in the amounts set forth in Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. All expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights within the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, shall be made within the appropriations herein provided. "Appropriation" as used herein means the total amount appropriated for the individual fund. Notwithstanding the financial detail herein presented within an individual fund, the City Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within each fund, so long as the total amount appropriated for each individual fund is not exceeded.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one paper of general circulation in the city of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the ongoing and continuous need to preserve the faith and credit of the City. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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JASON STEIN  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Exhibit 1

Fund	Department	Reason	Object		Total
			O.T.P.S.	Capital	
214 - Local Programming	2108 - General Operations	Increase for annual New World Maintenance that was originally not budgeted and to purchase an eBenefits module.	72,300.00		72,300.00
212 - FEMA Grant	7801 - Assistance to Firefighters Grant	Increase for budget remaining from 2020 to purchase radios.		28,464.16	28,464.16
230 - Street Lighting	6211 - Traffic Signs & Signals	Increase for street lighting electric bills that were originally not budgeted.	850,000.00		850,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>922,300.00</b>	<b>28,464.16</b>	<b>950,764.16</b>

Proposed: 01/19/2021

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 (PD)

By Council Member

An Ordinance adopting procedures for the transfer of 3750 Bainbridge Road, received through the City of Cleveland Heights Land Reutilization Program, to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation; declaring the property no longer needed for a public purpose; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights (“City”) currently owns certain real property located at 3750 Bainbridge Road, Permanent Parcel No. 683-15-097 (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the City obtained the Property through its Land Reutilization Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it has no need for the Property and therefore the Property does not serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation is an Ohio community improvement corporation authorized to receive property;

WHEREAS, transferring the Property to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation will result in its renovation and transfer to an owner-occupant and of the Property would be in the City’s best interest; and

WHEREAS, Section 110.04 of the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances authorizes Council to enact an ordinance to adopt procedures for the conveyance of real property not needed for public purpose.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby determines that the City-owned real property located at 3750 Bainbridge Road, Permanent Parcel No. 683-15-097 (“Property”), is not needed for a public purpose.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the authority of City Council set forth in Section 110.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, this Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to transfer the Property to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation upon receipt of necessary approvals, forms, terms, and conditions deemed appropriate by the City Manager.

SECTION 3. Documents implementing the above transaction shall be approved as to form by and subject to the final approval of the Director of Law.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 (PD)

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to transfer the property to begin rehabilitation work at the earliest time permitted by law. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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JASON S. STEIN  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:





# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020 Minutes**

**CITY COUNCIL**

6:05 – 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

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

Staff present: Hanna, Himmelein, Niermann O’Neil

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 141-2020 (F)**. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher & Company for continuation of its protected liability self-insurance program for the City; repealing Resolution No. 130-2020

Introduced by Vice Mayor Seren, Seconded by Council Member Ungar

Vice Mayor Seren stated he would like staff to give the public an explanation. Amy Himmelein stated that since Council passed the last resolution, the quotes the city received have come in higher than what Council had approved. This needs to be passed so we are insured at the beginning of the year.

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

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason S. Stein, Mayor

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Amy Himmelein, Clerk of Council  
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# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Monday, January 4, 2021 Minutes**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

6:36 – 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

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

Staff present: Boland, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Hanna, Himmelein, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O’Neil, Trupo

Topics discussed: Legislative overview

**CITY COUNCIL**

7:36 – 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

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

Staff present: Boland, Butler, Clinkscale, Hanna, Himmelein, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O’Neil, Smith, Trupo

Minutes from the City Council meeting held Monday, December 7, 2020, were approved with submitted edits.

**Personal communications received from citizens (via electronic mail)**

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Katelen Korty requesting the City lift the 3:00-6:00 a.m. street parking restriction for one side of the road, at least for the West half of Yorkshire Rd, approaching the Lee/Yorkshire intersection.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Diane Hallum requesting more funds and development north of Mayfield, in the Noble neighborhood.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Jane Harris regarding snow plowing on Severn Road and signage for parking bans during snowstorms.

## **Council President's Report**

Council Member Hart made a motion to change Susanna Niermann O'Neil's title from Acting City Manager to City Manager which was seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President Stein said that all of Council approved with glowing reviews and individual comments can be heard in the audio recording of the Committee of the Whole.

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

**Motion Passed**

## **Report of the City Manager**

Susanna Niermann O'Neil thanked Council for their confidence in her.

Susanna Niermann O'Neil stated that 2021 is a big year for the City with change of government. She and staff are committed to a smooth transition. In mid-February, a transition book will outline the activity in every department and division in the City so anyone thinking about running for the Mayor's office will be able to look at that book and understand the government structure, amount of staff, budgets, goals, and commitments. We are nearing the fifth year of the Master Plan and departments will update their progress with those goals too.

Susanna Niermann O'Neil thanked staff for their work in December for selling the All Are Welcome materials at Zagara's. There is tremendous support from residents.

Cleveland Heights will be 100 years old in August and, if COVID is gone, a celebration including a time capsule event at the Community Center.

Council will have an Annual Report from each of the departments by the end of January. Previously, we've only done that for Police and Fire, but this year each department will do one.

## **Report of the Chief of Police**

Chief Mecklenburg stated that on December 19, there was an aggravated robbery reported on Parkhill. A resident was moving cars in his driveway when a red vehicle pulled up and four men exited the vehicle; one with a handgun. They demanded the keys and two of them drove away in the victim's car. There are no suspects at this time.

On December 19, officers reported to three shots fired at a house on Woodview. None of the residents were injured and there are no suspects at this time.

On December 26, there was a robbery at the USBank at Zagara's on Lee Road. A suspect entered the store, gave the teller a note that said he had a gun and to give him money. The teller handed him approximately \$900 and he left the store. There were no weapons seen at that time. Since then, there has been a second bank robbery in a neighboring

community and the pictures match our suspect. We are working with other agencies including the FBI to identify the suspect.

On December 28, a 30-year old man was shot three times inside his residence on Berkeley. He was taken to the hospital. Two people are in custody and one male has been charged with felonious assault. Police are working to identify the second suspect based on some leads. The victim is in very critical condition. All of the people knew each other.

On December 28, a male was found in a group home driveway on Cedar and found by a delivery driver. It appears to be an accident that he fell through a second story window. There are no signs of foul play.

On December 28, there was an accident involving a bicyclist at Lee and Scarborough. The investigation revealed that a 71-year old male Cleveland Heights resident was riding south on Lee Road. An approaching vehicle saw him, slowed down and began to move over to pass him safely. As the vehicle approached, the man began to wobble on the bike and swerved into the oncoming vehicle. The man fell and hit his head on the ground without a helmet, and sadly succumbed to his injuries.

On January 1, there was an accident on Euclid Heights Boulevard. Preliminary investigation shows that a man leaving a New Year's party, a 40-year old Cleveland man named Timothy Brown suffered a crushing injury after being struck by a motor vehicle. Despite the best efforts of both a nurse and a physician who were riding in the area and both stopped to perform CPR and give him aid, he did not survive his injuries. The driver of the vehicle was arrested on the scene for OMVI and is currently out on bond. This investigation is ongoing.

Regarding the murder of Malik Moore on September 12, one suspect, Quincy Hubbard, is in custody. He was located and apprehended on December 11, charged with aggravated murder and is currently being held on a \$500,000 cash surety bond. Police have a warrant for the second suspect.

The suspect has been identified in the shooting on Crest on November 21. Police are looking for him and a warrant has been issued for felonious assault.

The suspect from the Cedar Hill Sunoco carjacking on October 16 was identified as Tyland Thomas. He was shot and killed in Cleveland before Cleveland Heights Police located him. The second suspect has not been identified, so the case remains open and under investigation.

A new investigative lead has been developed in the shooting that occurred on Warrensville Center on November 28. It is believed that it started as a road rage incident on Noble. There is a man who was arrested who is possibly a suspect in this incident. His gun matches the evidence.

Chief Mecklenburg stated that she is continuing to work with Cleveland State's Diversity Institute. About half of the officers have completed training regarding cultural competency and implicit bias training. Training has been paused due to COVID-19

concerns. There will be additional safeguards in place when training resumes soon. Police will be meeting with Dr. Dunn to discuss policies that were reviewed. Then, we can proceed with townhall meetings to talk to residents about this as well.

Council Vice President Seren ask for clarification on the training, that it is in person. Chief Mecklenburg stated they are in person because participants are more active that way, but safety concerns are most important. Council Vice President Seren asked if there were materials that could be provided to see what it entails. Chief Mecklenburg stated she had not taken the training yet, but she'll look into that.

### **Report of the Clerk of Council**

No report.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Council Member Russell wished everyone a Happy New Year. She stated Council is working diligently to get the task force running as quickly as possible. She thanked all 76 applicants.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021 (F)**. An ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 127-2020 (F), relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021

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

### **Legislation Passed**

Council Member Hart stated that Cheryl Stephens was elected today as Vice President of the County Council.

There will be a Mayoral Transition Forum including representatives from East Providence, Rhode Island who recently went through the same governmental transition. It will be on January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Council Member Dunbar said the death of bicyclist Terry Ryan, a resident of Cleveland Heights, is a great tragedy. She expressed her condolences to the family. The Heights Bicycle Coalition has come up with recommendations of roads to go on depending on your bicycling skills which is available on their website. She will further discuss routes at the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Council Member Dunbar thanked the people involved in the community including non-profits and City committees.

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Council Member Ungar stated there's a lot of great stuff on the Council agenda for 2021.

Some of the Planning and Development activities are paused until the new Planning Director begins. We will continue with some single-subject meetings as Committee of the Whole or a separate stand-alone basis. The first discussion will be about the Landmark Commission.

Council Member Ungar stated he has faith in staff's transition planning. He stated that the Law Director reached out to the previous Law Director and his firm, Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper, LLC, to assist in the transition.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Council Member Ungar thanked the Chief for the detailed report. Gun violence is an important topic in the community and these reports need to be heard by Council. He will hold a follow-up meeting about the gun-related violence in our City. He stated he is considering a, "what if," document with an example of, "What if I hear shots?" or "How do I protect myself and my kids if I hear shots?"

Council Member Dunbar asked what the City's role is in the COVID vaccinations. Susanna stated she attended a meeting of Mayors in the surrounding area. No one had received any information regarding vaccinations for residents. The only communication has been for the paramedics and police to receive the vaccination. We would offer our community center as a place for inoculation, but we haven't gotten any feedback. Once we know, we'll promote it.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Council Vice President Seren wished everyone a Happy New Year. It will be an exciting year for Cleveland Heights. He read a statement about Ohio Senate Bill 27. Instead of focusing on important bills in front of them, the legislature considered a bill requiring physicians to bury or cremate the remains from an abortion procedure. He stated this is an additional, unnecessary burden on patients as well as an emotional assault on people that want an abortion. He proposed that if it passes, Cleveland Heights investigate ways to support Cleveland Heights residents who need or want an abortion to defray these additional costs. Council Vice President Seren stated health care is a human right.

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

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