



COUNCIL UPDATE

May 21, 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 calendar.

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| Friday, May 21 – Sunday, May 23 | - | | - | We Are Noble 2021 |
| Monday, May 24 | - | 6:30 p.m. | - | Committee of the Whole |
| | - | 7:30 p.m. | - | Special City Council Meeting |
| Tuesday, May 25 | - | 3:00 p.m. | - | Civil Service Meeting |
| | - | 6:00 p.m. | - | Administrative Services Committee |
| Wednesday, May 26 | - | 6:00 p.m. | - | Public Safety & Health Committee |
| | - | 7:00 p.m. | - | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| Monday, May 31 | - | | - | City Hall is closed in observation of Memorial Day |
| Tuesday, June 1 | - | 6:30 p.m. | - | Committee of the Whole |
| | - | 7:00 p.m. | - | Architectural Board of Review |

LEGISLATION

- **Labor Agreement, Second Reading.** An Ordinance granting final approval of the compensation rates and benefits proposed by the tentative labor agreement with the Cleveland Heights Fire Fighters Association, Local No. 402/International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO (Union) for the period commencing April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024; giving the City Manager authority to sign said agreement; amending Section 3 of Ordinance No. 20-2021, “Wage and Salary Ordinance,” to incorporate the labor agreement

- **Power of a Clean Future Ohio, Second Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the City of Cleveland Heights to become a Power a Clean Future Ohio Community and to adopt a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city.

UPDATES

City Manager

- The Parks and Recreation staff has done an amazing dedicated job redoing protocols that they had worked on for the last month and creating new protocols that align with the new COVID directives. Please see enclosed a detailed memo from Director McCrae.
- The Police Chief has provided details on recent incidents in her memo. In addition, we have been working this month on the purchase of new vehicles. Other equipment has already been placed on order.
- The centennial celebration (and the time capsule event) will be combined with the annual Safety Forces night at the Community Center. The date is Tuesday August 3rd beginning at 6:00pm. Mark your calendar.

Housing

- The demolition of the nuisance structure at 3344 Beechwood was performed this week. The property had an original nuisance order and resolution on November 3, 2014 that was stayed by the owner at the time with minimal work performed. The property has since transferred 3 times without authorization and has had no subsequent repairs. The original nuisance resolution was reissued to the current owner AGC WORLD MINISTRY IGREJA ADORADORES GERADOS EM CRISTO INC.
- Demolition of the City owned single family structure at 828 Woodview Rd. was completed this week. The structure needed to be demolished in order to replace an erupted city storm sewer main that ran under the basement of the house.
- Demolition of the fire damaged structure at 3188 Coleridge has been delayed due to a motion to stay with the Cuyahoga County Court. The Court is scheduled to review the case the second week of June to determine if the demolition may proceed.
- The Lead Safe Cuyahoga Grant program continues to provide lead safe homes for Cleveland Heights residents. The 2017 Grant is nearly expended with funding for 1 more household. The 2017 grant currently has 40 housing units completed and three more pending completion with funding for 1 additional unit. The 2019 grant with a total budget

of \$885,000 is estimated to address lead issues at 70 housing units in Cleveland Heights. Currently the 2019 grant has 19 applications approved and 4 units completed.

- The Housing Dept. is currently advertising for an Assistant Director, Housing Rehab Specialist, and Housing Inspector positions. Submitted applications are being reviewed and interviews are being conducted for all positions. Applicants may apply at our website www.Clevelandheights.com or with the following link. www.governmentjobs.com/careers/clvhts



To: Susanna Niermann O'Neil, City Manager
From: Joseph P. McRae, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Parks and Recreation Department Reopening Plan Update
Date: May 18, 2021

As City Council has been apprised in previous staff updates, the Parks and Recreation Department has begun the phased reopening of parks and recreation facilities. Last week, Governor DeWine announced that all state health restrictions would be removed on June 2, 2021. The CDC also announced that vaccinated individuals no longer have to wear masks indoors or outdoors. Therefore, masks and social distancing will be recommended, but not required to utilize recreation facilities.

The following is a brief status update on the reopening plans for Cumberland Pool, the Community Center (Fitness Center, Ice Rink and Senior Center) and Cain Park.

Spring 2021 (April, May)

- **Basketball courts** were reopened with new backboards and rims at Denison Park, Cain Park and Cumberland Parks. Each court will be restriped. Denison will be resurfaced once the weather temperatures permit.
- **Park restrooms** are all open for public use. Staff is installing automatic sinks faucets and toilet flushers to reduce the need for contact.
- **Park picnic shelters** are being made available to residents for free on a first come first serve basis. Staff will resume shelter rentals in 2022.
- **Virtual classes** will continue on the Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation Facebook Live page. All classes are free.
- The **new online class registration system** went live this month giving residents the ability to easily register for programs, pool passes, etc., online at www.chparks.com.

Summer 2021 (June, July, August)

- **Cumberland Pool and Wading Pool:** The pool and wading pool will reopen to the public on Saturday, June 5. The pool will close on Labor Day weekend. Staff is working on plans to offer swim lessons and the Cain Park splash pad. However, both activities will depend on the availability of staffing.



- **Community Center:** The Community Center will **officially reopen on Monday, June 7.**
 - **Fitness Center:** The hours will be Monday – Friday mornings 6am -10am and evenings 4pm – 8pm. Saturdays hours will be 9am – 1pm. The Fitness Center will be closed on Sunday. Hours are limited at this time due to limited staffing. The hours will increase as staff resources become available. Equipment will be spread out along the track to promote social distancing as exercising indoors is still a potential high-risk activity for unvaccinated individuals. Locker rooms will remain closed at this time. Members that purchased a pass in 2020 will have their remaining membership time honored for use in 2021.
 - **Gym:** The basketball courts will be used as indoor walking space and class space for indoor fitness and martial arts classes during the summer.
 - **North Ice Rink** will officially open on June 7. Residents can register online for learn to skate classes. Locker rooms will remain closed at this time.
 - **Summer Fieldhouse/South Rink:** The Jump Start Sport Summer Camp program will take place Monday through Friday from June 7 to August 6. For more information, visit www.chparks.com .
 - **Senior Activity Center (SAC)** will reopen on Monday, June 21. The senior center will be opened from 9am – 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to start. Seniors can register for programs in advance online or via phone at 216-691-7377.
- **Cain Park** is set to reopen with a modified summer season that will start the second week of July and end in mid-September. Please note the following:
 - The Arts Festival will take place the second weekend of July and will feature 75 artists. The event will be free to the public this year.
 - Cain Park will provide a modified summer concert series that will feature mostly local or regional artists. Staff has partnered with Tri-C to host their annual Jazz Festival. More details to come.
 - For more information, visit www.cainpark.com



To: Susanna Niermann-O'Neil, City Manager

From: Annette M. Mecklenburg, Chief of Police

Date: May 18, 2021

Subject: Police Department Update

On Sunday, May 16, 2021 around 2:47 am an attempted carjacking occurred on the north end of the City. A woman was seated in her vehicle when two suspects wearing hoodies and white masks approached her brandishing handguns. The suspects demanded her car keys and she complied. As the suspects were attempting to drive away, a man exited the home nearby and the suspects fired at least three shots at him. Neither he nor anyone else was injured. The suspects fled the scene without the vehicle. Detectives are working with area law enforcement agencies on this investigation as it is believed to be related to similar crimes in neighboring communities.

On Sunday, May 16, 2021 around 9:30 am officers responded to a report of a single shot fired on Rexwood Road. Upon arrival officers determined that the gunshot was fired from the front porch of the residence at 2180 Rexwood. Preliminary investigation revealed that around this time a vehicle pulled up in front of this house and a male occupant brandished a handgun and pointed it at the house. The resident, who was on the front porch, fired one round from their gun at the vehicle. The vehicle then sped away. The resident then got into their vehicle and left the area as well. This is the third incident involving gunfire at or near this residence. The owner of the property has been contacted and made aware of these incidents. The matter is being evaluated for possible nuisance abatement.

On Sunday, May 16, 2021 around 10:12 pm officers responded to a call of shots fired in the 3200 block of East Overlook. Preliminary investigation revealed that a vehicle pulled up in the street and the unknown occupants fired several shots into a home. There were three people inside the home at the time but no one was injured. At this time there are no suspects. This is the second time this house has been the victim of gunfire this year. At this time the residents are unable to provide any information as to who would be targeting them.

On May 26, 2021 at 3:00 pm an End of Watch ceremony will be held in front of City Hall to remember fallen Investigator Jason D. West who was shot killed in the line of duty 14 years ago. A wreath will be laid at the memorial honoring Inv. West. All are welcome to attend.



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Committee of the Whole

May 24, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Online Only

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

1. Executive Session –
 1. *To discuss with an attorney for the public body, claims or disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending court action.*
 2. *To review negotiation and bargaining sessions with public employees or their representatives concerning such employees' compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.*

Protection Agency and the State of Ohio, authorizing and directing its submission
by June 1, 2021

Introduced by Council Member _____

Vote _____ _____ _____
 For Against No. Reading

5) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

Proposed: 5/19/2021

ORDINANCE NO. 61-2021 (AS),
Second Reading

By Council Member Seren

An Ordinance granting final approval of the compensation rates and benefits proposed by the tentative labor agreement with the Cleveland Heights Fire Fighters Association, Local No. 402/International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO (Union) for the period commencing April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024; giving the City Manager authority to sign said agreement; amending Section 3 of Ordinance No. 20-2021, "Wage and Salary Ordinance," to incorporate the labor agreement; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights Fire Fighters Association, Local No. 402, International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO (Union) was certified as the exclusive representative of specified classifications within the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety by the State Employment Relations Board on December 3, 1984 (SERB Case No.: 84-VR-07-1597); and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021 the City and the Union commenced negotiations for a successor agreement to the agreement that expired March 31, 2021 (SERB Case No.: 2020-MED-12-1413); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 121.06 of the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances, the City reached a tentative agreement with the Union; and

WHEREAS, said tentative agreement was ratified by the Union on April 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the compensation rates and benefits set forth in that tentative agreement are fair and granting final approval of the compensation rates and benefits would be in the best interests of the City and its residents.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby grants final approval of all compensation rates and benefits set forth in the tentative agreement between the City and the Cleveland Heights Fire Fighters Association, Local No. 402/International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO covering the period commencing April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024. A full and complete copy of said tentative agreement is on file with the Clerk of Council and is available for inspection.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the City and the Cleveland Heights Fire Fighters Association, Local No. 402/International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO that is substantively the same as said tentative agreement. The agreement shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 3. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 20-2021, the "Wage and Salary Ordinance," shall be and hereby is amended to henceforth read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 61-2021 (AS), *Second Reading*

Sworn members of the Fire Department who are represented by the International Association of Fire Fighters shall have the terms, conditions, and benefits of employment as described in the labor agreement and other related documents between the City of Cleveland Heights and the International Association of Fire Fighters. The agreement covers the period commencing April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024 and may be extended by agreement of the parties. The paramedic compensation, academic achievement bonus, and the clothing maintenance allowance shall apply to all sworn members of the Department. A copy of the labor agreement and other related documents are on file in the Office of the City Manager.

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 timely grant approval of and execute said agreement for the purposes of uninterrupted employment of the above-referenced bargaining unit members for the continuation of essential public services. 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.

JASON S. STEIN
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Proposed: 05/19/2021

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2021 (MS), *Second Reading*

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution approving an Integrated Overflow Control Master Plan relating to the City's Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control program pursuant to a consent decree between the City of Cleveland Heights, the United States of America, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Ohio, authorizing and directing its submission by June 1, 2021; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, in 2017, pursuant to Resolution 66-2017, the City entered into a partial consent decree with the United States of America, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Ohio related to alleged violations of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, Section V (F) of the partial consent decree requires that by June 1, 2021, the City submit for EPA review and approval an Integrated Overflow Control Master Plan (IOCMP) developed in accordance with Appendix A to the partial consent decree; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with professional engineers and financial consultants, has developed an IOCMP meeting the requirements of the partial consent decree, a draft of which is on file in the office of the City's Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to approve the IOCMP and to authorize and direct that it be submitted by June 1, 2021 for EPA review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby approves an Integrated Overflow Control Master Plan substantially in accordance with the IOCMP on file in draft form in the office of the City's Director of Public Works.

SECTION 2. This Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to cause the submission, by June 1, 2021, of the Integrated Overflow Control Master Plan approved in Section 1 for EPA review and approval pursuant to the partial consent decree.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution 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 4. This Resolution 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 timely meet partial consent decree requirements. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force

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immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

JASON S. STEIN
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: