

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:27 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

Council Members present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Staff present: Briley, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, Mannarino, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Wagner, Wong

Topics of discussion included general information pertaining to the City Manager's weekly memo. Councilwoman Yasinow moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:59. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dunbar. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Stephens presiding.

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Topic of discussion included the appointment of a public official.

Executive Session concluded at 7:29 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:39 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

Council Members present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Staff present: Briley, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, Mannarino, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Wagner, Wong

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening. Welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council meeting - Tuesday, January 19, 2016. This is our regular Council meeting and it's now 7:39 in the evening. Mr. Clerk, would you call the roll please?"

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

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "Six present, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have a full contingent of Council this evening. The regular minutes of Council had some changes recommended by several members of Council this evening, so at the next Council meeting I will sign those minutes as well as whatever minutes exist from this meeting. At this time, we'd like to invite any members of the community or members - or anyone present who would like to make a statement to City Council to come forward and do so. If you will approach the podium, state your name and your address for the record. We welcome all comments from anyone. We do have some young women from Montessori Ruffing School this evening which is in Cleveland Heights and I believe we're fortunate both of these young women are also residents of

Cleveland Heights. So, which of us coming to talk to us first?" (Laughter.) "I gotta find out your name. You can come together."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Come up to the podium. What's your names?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "We don't bite."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Extra credit."

Mayor Stephens stated, "We've been given our shots; we don't bite."

Eva stated, "Hi, I'm Eva. This is Ella."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Good evening, Eva and Ella."

Eva stated, "And for history class, we have to observe a City Council meeting."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And so now you've participated. This is awesome."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Any questions that you might have for us?"

Eva stated, "No."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "No? Okay."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, ladies. Is there anyone else present who would like to make a statement to Council? If not, I will move forward to the part of our process that asks the City Manager to make a report to us."

### **Report of the City Manager**

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. Tonight I have several items to report. The first is that I've received a petition to rezone two single family residential partials to commercial and I need to report that to Council and make it a Matter of Record."

### **Matter of Record**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Tanisha Briley stated, "My next item is permission to request bids for sand, sorry, for sand, gravel and limestone."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Tanisha Briley stated, "And I need to make that a Matter of Record."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "So made."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. That will be referred to Municipal Services Committee of Council. Is that it?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "That is correct. And doesn't Municipal Services need to?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "I don't believe we need a motion."

Tanisha Briley stated, "It's just referred, Jim?"

Jim Juliano stated, "It's just referred. Yes."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Okay. My next item is to request permission to request qualifications for Building Inspection and Plan review services. And I'd like to make that a Matter of Record."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The Chair of Public Health and Safety, recognize that that will go to your committee."

**Matter of Record**

Tanisha Briley stated, "And my final request is permission to request qualifications for executive search firms to conduct the Economic Development Director recruitment and I would also like to make that a Matter of Record."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And that will go to the Planning and Development Committee of Council for further review. Thank you. Is there anything else that you'd like to make a matter of record?"

**Matter of Record**

Tanisha Briley stated, "Nothing else this evening, Your Honor. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, is there a report from you this evening?"

**Report of the Finance Director/Clerk of Court**

Tom Raguz stated, "I have no report tonight, Your Honor."

**Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee**

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, this is moving smoothly. First up to bat is the Community Relations and Recreation Committee and we have no Chair of that committee. At this time, I have nothing to report on behalf of that committee. Next is the Finance Committee. Mr. Stein."

**Report of the Finance Committee**

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I do not have a report tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next is Municipal Services Committee. Ms. Yasinow."

**Report of the Municipal Services Committee**

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much, Your Honor. I do have one piece of legislation. It is the very first of 2016, so hold onto your hats, ladies and gentlemen. This is a resolution proposed January 19, 2016, Resolution Number 1-2016. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Cuyahoga to perform certain services to help maintain city sanitary and storm sewers and declaring an emergency. Whereas the city owns and operates sanitary storm sewers and catch basins which require regular maintenance; and whereas the City of Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances authorizes the purchase of services without obtaining competitive bids where the price for services offered by a political subdivision is less than the price that would be obtained by taking bids from private persons; and whereas the City Manager has determined that Cuyahoga County offers those services at a price less than would be obtained by taking private bids, I have for passage this evening a resolution for the City Manager to execute an agreement necessary to retain the Cuyahoga County to provide certain services to maintain the city sanitary and storm sewers and catch basins with the term of such agreement expiring on December 31, 2016 and the total amount to be paid by the City not to exceed the sum of \$300,000. I recommend passage of Resolution 1-2016 this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If the Clerk would call the record."

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

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "The resolution passes. Is there anything else, Ms. Yasinow?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Nothing else this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we go to Public Safety and Health Committee."

**Report of the Public Safety and Health Committee**

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have no legislation, but I did want to take a brief moment because I have not done so publicly yet to congratulate Captain Mecklenburg on her selection as our new Chief, once our current Chief retires, so congratulations and also thank you. That's the end of my report."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to Planning and Development Committee."

**Report of the Planning and Development Committee**

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I have nothing this evening either, but I would like to mention that on February 4 at 7:00 in the evening at Strosacker Auditorium in Case Western Reserve, the Bicycle Coalition is sponsoring a showing of 'Inspired to Ride' which is about the first inaugural Transamerica

Trans-Am race for bicycles and they went, they rode their bicycles forth out over 4,000 miles; 300 miles a day. There was no prize. It was just I guess for the fun of it and I hope everybody that is interested will look on the Heights Bicycle Coalition website and buy tickets in advance, but you can just show up that night because this theater has 600 seats and I doubt we'll get 600 people there, but all are welcome."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The next committee is Administrative Services Committee Ms. Roe."

### **Report of the Administrative Services Committee**

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Your Honor, I have no legislation, but I do have a motion concerning appointments to the Architectural Board of Review."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Proceed please."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I move that we appoint Michael Wellman to a two-year term beginning January 19, 2016 to December 31, 2017; that we reappoint Rich Bozak to a one-year term beginning January 19, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and that the alternate be Eric Lund for a two-year term beginning January 19, 2016, ending December 31, 2017."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do we have a second to that motion?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

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

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

                  Nays:   None

Tom Raguz stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This motion was approved. Mr. Michael Wellman will be appointed as a full member. Mr. Rich Bozak will have a one-year, will have an additional one-year term and Eric Lund becomes the alternate for this board. Thank you. Oh. We have arrived at the Mayor's Report this evening and I have one additional. I'm sorry. I have an additional announcement."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Yes Mayor, before you get to your announcements, we are just getting our sea legs back from I think being a break in the changes. The RFQs that I requested permission for earlier that were referred to committees and also the permission to bid. If those committee chairs could ask for a motion to accept the City Manager's request, and then it would be..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So that it would be a Matter of Record. It until we had something specific with them. Okay."

Tanisha Briley stated, "So we can, if it is your prerogative, we can start with the Municipal Services Committee of Council and we would just need a motion to accept the City Manager's request."

Mayor Stephens stated, "To authorize the City Manager?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "To authorize."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I, as Chair of Municipal Services, hereby move to grant the City Manager permission to go to bid for sand, gravel and limestone."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Tanisha Briley stated, "And then the roll."

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

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "We need a request from Public Health and Safety for the authorization of a building... requests for qualifications for building and inspection and plan review services."

Councilman Seren stated, "I move to authorize the City Manager to put out a request for qualifications for building inspection and plan review services."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

Nays: None

Mayor Stephens stated, "And third from the Chair of Planning and Development Committee, Ms Dunbar, we need permission to authorize a request for qualifications for an executive search firm to conduct a search for an Economic Development Director."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I move that we authorize the City Manager to request qualifications for executive search firms to conduct Economic Development Director recruitment."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

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

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. You can have permission to do everything you want to do."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "In addition to a moment from the Mayor, I wanted to talk about something that has evolved in this community. Many years, at least three years ago, a group of citizens formed a group to talk to us about the Citizens United Supreme Court decision. So, what we - what we're being asked by them to do each year and which we passed in form of legislation is to have a hearing on corporations and personhood, so that you will be able to see a flyer that is circulating in the community and we have an announcement on our website about Democracy Day public hearings on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. here in Cleveland Heights City Hall at 40 Severance Circle. It's a hearing to understand whether we are being denied our opportunities as individuals versus corporations. So Issue 32 established annual hearings to examine the impact on our city, our state and our nation of political influence by corporate entities and big money in elections, so join us on January 21 at 7:00 p.m. to talk about how we are afforded opportunity to speak out on issues, how money can affect the use of our constitutional rights. If you want to learn more about this, you can go to [Clevelandheightsmovetoamend@cleveland-heights](mailto:Clevelandheightsmovetoamend@cleveland-heights) at [movetoamend.org](http://movetoamend.org) or go to <http://movetoamend.org/cleveland-heights> or you can go to Facebook and go to [movetoamendclevelandheights](https://www.facebook.com/movetoamendclevelandheights). So there are ways to get information on this issue and it's pretty important that we talk about the significance of the American spirit and how we continue to influence the political process based on our ability to vote, not on our ability to have money.

At our first Council meeting of the year on January 4, I was elected Mayor by my colleagues and I appreciate the honor that they have bestowed upon me. I know that it is a position of trust, not only for them but for the residents of this community. It has been an excellent two weeks, the most excellent moment of which was all last Wednesday night when we had a service honoring MLK and a little boy got up and he's eight years old and he's in the third grade at one of our public schools and he said it was ironic. I did not use the word ironic till I was in college or maybe grad school in a sentence that just flowed out of my mouth and that's the word he used within two sentences of going to the microphone. It's a wonderful world we live in. Kids learn how to read. They grow beyond our dreams. The expectations are bigger and better and I hope that our expectations for Cleveland Heights are better - bigger and better - under my leadership and the collaboration that I will have with my colleagues because this is a team sport that we're undertaking together and so we'll work very hard to meet your expectations or even exceed them. And that's been a moment with your Mayor this evening. This is the close of a meeting. Today is January 19, 2016. It is now approximately five minutes to 8:00 and our next Council meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2016. If you have any members, if you have any questions for members of Council or our executive staff, please be sure to stop and ask us those questions. We are now adjourned."

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

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Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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