



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Minutes**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

6:38 – 8:44 p.m.

Council President Stein presiding

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

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

Topics discussed: Legislative overview and Update on Phase 1 redevelopment

**Executive Session**

7:50 – 8:44 p.m.

Council Member Hart made a motion to begin Executive Session, which was seconded by Council Member Dunbar to discuss the appointment of a public official and to consider the investigation of complaints about 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 Hart.

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

**CITY COUNCIL**

8:55 – 9:13 p.m.

Council President Stein presiding

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

Staff present: Boland, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Hanna, Himmelein, Iorio, Knittel, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Zampf

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

Amy Himmelein read a complaint from Rev. E. Regis Bunch regarding the dispatchers and Police Chief. Susanna Niermann O'Neil responded with details of the investigation and stated the accusation was unfounded.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Yolanda Kennedy requesting the policing of cars parked on the street after 2:00 a.m.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Rhonda Davis-Lovejoy regarding the revitalization needed for the Taylor Tudor building.

**Report of the City Manager**

Request permission to issue an RFP for a Hosted VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) Phone Solution

**Matter of Record**

**Refer to:** Municipal Services Committee

Motion by Council Member Dunbar, Seconded by Council Member Russell

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

**Motion Passed**

Susanna Niermann O'Neil withdrew the request authority to proceed with negotiations with Start Right CDC and Liberty Development/Amato Homes concerning the Phase 1 Neighborhood Development /Infill Housing Plan until Council has more time to review the information.

**Report of the Chief of Police**

Chief Mecklenburg stated that regarding the man shot on Berkeley on January 28, one person had been arrested and another turned himself in after an arrest warrant was issued for him. All suspects are in custody.

On November 28, there was a road rage incident that started on Noble Rd. to Warrensville ending in a shooting. The case was presented to the grand jury which found two counts of felonious assault, one count of weapons under disability and one count of improper handling of a firearm.

## Report of the Clerk of Council

No report.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Hart asked Finance Director Amy Himmelein to give a brief update of the year end financials. Amy Himmelein stated the financial state was better than the forecast due to the \$4,000,000 of federal relief funds. The municipal income tax outperformed what was expected.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9-2021 (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 and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Hart, Seconded by Council Vice President Seren

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

### **Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2021 (F), First Reading.** An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$1,500,000 of economic development nontax revenue bond anticipation notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of the acquisition of a portion of, and redevelopment of the site generally known as “Top of the Hill” located on approximately four acres of land situated between Euclid Heights Boulevard and Cedar Road at the top of Cedar Hill in the City, and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Hart

### **Legislation Introduced**

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021 (MS).** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for construction administration and residential inspection services associated with the Shannon Road Rehabilitation and Waterline Replacement Project; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Dunbar, Seconded by Council Vice President Seren

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

**Legislation Passed**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021(PD), First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the Community Development Block Grant entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2021; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Ungar

**Legislation Introduced**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-2021(PD), First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the Amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement application and plan for the year beginning January 1, 2019; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Ungar

**Legislation Introduced**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

No report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION 14-2021(AS).** An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Vice President Seren, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

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

**Legislation Passed**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

**Council President's Report**

No report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Stein, Council President

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Amy Himmelein, Clerk of Council  
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