



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Monday, September 20, 2021 Minutes

CITY COUNCIL

7:30 – 7:46 p.m.

Vice President Seren presiding

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

Staff present: Roessner, Himmelein, Niermann O'Neil

Approval of the minutes of the Council meetings held on August 2 and August 16, 2021

Minutes were approved without any objections.

Matter of Record

Personal communications from citizens

John Fleshin voiced concerns regarding the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook project. He is worried about the loss of green space and does not believe the people who live on the street are supportive of the plan since it will dramatically alter their quiet, residential street. Mr. Fleshin thinks everything is happening too quickly and the City should slow down. He also said that Fran Mentch was unable to attend the meeting but they have over half of the signatures needed on their petition.

Report of the City Manager

Susanna reminded everyone that City Hall remains closed due to the COVID pandemic. However, an accommodation has been made for the Housing and Building Departments. A table has been set up in the atrium with limited hours so residents can sit down with a staff member and fill out the appropriate forms/applications. All employees must wear masks when in contact with residents or other staff members.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for October 4th. Due to religious holidays, there is no meeting scheduled for September 27th. On Thursday, September 30th at 7pm,

there is a Zoning Hearing. Planning Director Eric Zamft will be presenting and Council will hear about various changes regarding garages and property lines, etc.

Report of the Clerk of Council

Amy Himmelein had nothing to report at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 129-2021 (F), First Reading. 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.

***MOTION** to remove Ordinance No. 129-2021 from the agenda

Council Member Hart stated Ordinance No. 129-2021 should be removed from the agenda since they do not have five members of Council present to vote on legislation. Instead, it will be combined with legislation that will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Moved by Council Member Hart, Seconded by Council Member Cobb

Roll Call: Ayes: Ungar, Cobb, Hart, Seren,
 Nays: None

Motion Passed

Council Member Hart announced that a diversion program for homeowners has been implemented by the Court.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at this time.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Nothing formal to report at this time. Council Member Ungar remarked on John Fleshin's earlier comments. He stated that contrary to Mr. Fleshin's insinuations, the plans for the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook project were not decided behind closed doors, nor was it a rushed process. He said there are numerous videos of meetings that took place discussing the project. The Council and the City has done their best to be transparent throughout this entire process and they welcome public input. Council Member Ungar encouraged the public to reach out to Planning Director Eric Zamft and went on to provide his own contact information as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

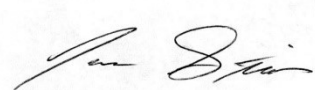
Nothing to report at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

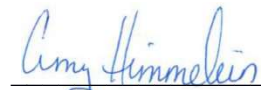
Nothing formal to report at this time. Vice President Seren encouraged everyone to wear a mask if they are around people and to get vaccinated.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted,



Jason S. Stein
President of Council



Amy Himmelein
Clerk of Council