

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS  
FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Mayor Rothschild called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher stated that agenda item 8.A. regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation on the application of Waterway Gas & Wash Company, will be tabled due to the fact that the Board of Zoning Appeals at its meeting held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. tabled their consideration by adjourning to a time and place to be determined that is large enough to accommodate all interested parties. Mr. Fisher added that interested parties will be notified of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.

Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Adele H. Zucker  
Mr. Kevin Patrick Murphy  
Mr. Peter R. Bernardo  
Mr. Frank Consolo  
Mr. Steven Sims  
Ms. Frankie B. Goldberg  
Mr. Steven D. Bullock

Also Present: Clerk of Council Nancy E. English  
Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher  
Finance Director Arman R. Ochoa  
Chief of Police Gary Stehlik  
Service Director Christopher Vild  
Community Coordinator Walter Stinson  
Building Commissioner William C. Nadeau

A moment of silent reflection was held in honor of Viktor Schreckengost, artist, designer, renaissance man, who recently passed away at the age of 101. Mr. Schreckengost was honored by the City of University Heights in 2001 with the America's Treasure Award.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2008

**MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting. On roll call, all voted "aye," except Ms. Goldberg and Mr. Bullock, who "passed."**

Comments from the Audience:

George Cohen, 3794 Bushnell Rd., stated that he is an Orthodox Jew and cannot push the "walk" button when he walks to Synagogue. Mr. Cohen requested that the traffic light at Warrensville Center Road and Bushnell Road be set so that the "walk" signal will work automatically. Chief of Police Gary Stehlik stated that the traffic lights on Warrensville Center Road and Cedar Road were scheduled to be synchronized after the Cedar Road resurfacing project was completed. He added that a computer and telephone drop will be received by the police station soon and then the light can be programmed to work automatically.

Christine Tunison, 2544 Traymore Rd., inquired as to when the community could view the revised plans for the Waterway Project. Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher replied that the revised plans have not been submitted yet, but he understands that new plans may be presented showing a 20ft. rear yard setback. He added that once submitted, the plans become public and can be inspected at City Hall during regular business hours. Mr. Michael Goldman of Waterway stated that the plans will be submitted to the City in PDF format on February 5, 2008.

Samantha Koko, student at John Carroll University (JCU), announced that JCU will hold its 2nd Annual Relay for Life on April 26-27, 2008. The Relay for Life is a unique fund raising event to benefit the American Cancer Society. She noted that the overnight event symbolizes that cancer never sleeps.

Agenda Items:

**A. Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Application of Waterway Gas & Wash Company, 727 Goddard Ave., Chesterfield, MO, to demolish retail strip building located at 2216 Warrensville Center Road and construct a full service car wash, gasoline and convenience store facility with administrative office and training center/conference room on second floor.**

**MOTION BY MR. CONSOLO, SECONDED BY MS. GOLDBERG to table the Planning Commission recommendation respect to the application of Waterway Gas & Wash Company. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

**B. Motion to accept proposal for 2008 Spring Tree Planting**

Service Director Christopher Vild stated that he solicited informal bids from eight (8) companies for the purpose of purchasing and planting trees on various tree lawns throughout the city. Four (4) companies replied. Creekside Landscaping had the lowest and best bid of \$12,580.00. Mr. Vild recommended that Council accept the bid from Creekside Landscaping in the amount of \$12,580.00 to plant sixty-eight (68) trees.

**MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. BULLOCK to accept the bid of Creekside Landscaping as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$12,580.00 to plant 68 trees for the 2008 Spring Tree Planting. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

**C. Resolution No. 2008-03 Authorizing a contract with Integrated Consulting Services for professional services as third party administrator for workers compensation claims (2nd Reading)**

Resolution No. 2008-03, which was presented on first reading on January 22, 2008, authorizes a contract with Integrated Consulting Services for providing professional services as third party administrator for workers compensation claims covering January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Finance Director Arman Ochoa recommended that Resolution No. 2008-03 be approved as an emergency measure, so that he could move forward with what needs to be done. He also stated that the City has been using Integrated Consulting Services for the past eight (8) years and the company lowered its price from \$15,000 to \$10,000.

**MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MR. MURPHY to approve the passage of Resolution No. 2008-03 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye," except Mr. Consolo, who "passed." On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye," except Mr. Consolo, who "passed."**

**D. Motion to hold an executive session immediately following this regular meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation and real estate matters**

An executive session was not required.

Directors' Reports:

Mayor Rothschild thanked the police department and fire department personnel for their efforts.

Fire Chief John Pitchler reported that four (4) firefighters will be honored by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation for bringing a woman back to life in early 2007: Firefighter Michael Ceraolo, Firefighter Brandon Hope, Firefighter Damon Picone and Lieutenant Peter Pucella. Chief Pitchler also announced that Lieutenant Keith Kanner will be honored for his years of service working with burned kids and the aluminum can drive.

Committee Reports:

**Civic Information Committee** Chairman Frank Consolo reported that his committee met on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. It is the committee's goal to get more residents to sign up for email notification. There was also discussion about how to get information out to the public. Mr. Consolo stated that he presented the Council with a proposal from the Loyola Group to perform a free IT assessment. Finance Director Arman Ochoa will follow up with the Loyola Group.

**Recreation Committee** Chairman Frankie Goldberg reported that she will schedule a Recreation Advisory Committee meeting in the near future.

**Safety Committee** Chairman Steven Bullock reported that he will schedule a committee meeting to address the two remaining items on his agenda – landscaper registration and CityWatch. Mayor Rothschild mentioned that a meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2008 with representatives of Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights to discuss the CityWatch proposal.

Mr. Bullock commented that University Heights is a very safe city, and he would like to discuss ways to communicate this to the residents. Mayor Rothschild noted that the Neighborhood Watch Program is strengthening communications through outreach to the community.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Beryl E. Rothschild

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Nancy E. English, Clerk of Council