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

Roll Call: Present: Ms. Frankie B. Goldberg
Mr. Steven Sims
Mrs. Susan D. Pardee
Mr. Phillip Ertel
Mrs. Pamela Cameron
Mr. Thomas A. Cozzens
Mrs. Adele H. Zucker

Also Present: Clerk of Council Nancy E. English
Interim Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher
Interim Finance Director Anthony Ianiro
Chief of Police Steven Hammett
Interim Fire Chief David Rodney
Service Director Robert Jamieson
Building Commissioner David Menn

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the late Dr. Matthew Levy, a long time University Heights resident and world-renowned physicist, who passed away recently.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2012.

MOTION BY MR. COZZENS, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to approve the minutes of March 19, 2012 as presented. On roll call, all voted “aye,” except Mr. Ertel, who “passed.”

Comments from the Audience:

Sheila Hubman, Ashurst Road, commented on several items. The first was the City’s potential purchase of the Fuchs Mizrachi School property. At the Town Hall Meeting, Mrs. Hubman was not for or against the proposal because the residents did not know the purchase price. She noted that there are many unanswered questions, such as use of the property, whether the building would be demolished or maintained, security measures, lights, and hours. She also questioned the availability of funds for demolition and maintenance, noting that the City cannot afford to maintain the tennis courts at Purvis Park. Mrs. Hubman mentioned that when the house was demolished on Ashurst Rd., the lot was to be a pocket park, but it is a water garden. Brass plates were be posted identifying the plants, but they have not been installed. She was concerned that what the residents are told and what they get do not always match. Mrs. Hubman stated that she is not for or against the proposed Saybrook Park, rather she is in favor of more information being provided.

Mrs. Hubman asked who decides which 10% of the curbs are replaced when streets are resurfaced and when are the other 90% of curbs replaced.

She also requested that the City’s reasoning for purchasing the house at 3954 Silsby Road be explained.

Mrs. Hubman thanked Service Director Robert Jamieson for being very helpful and cooperative. She wished him good luck in his new position.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor and the taking of action:

With regard to Mrs. Hubman’s questions regarding the Fuchs Mizrachi School property, Mayor Infeld noted that at the Town Hall Meeting on March 12, 2012 people expressed a variety of interests in use of the site, such as having a park, a park with a portion allotted for dogs, a park and a community center, and a park and restroom facilities. But, in all the comments, there was a desire for a park. Mayor Infeld commented that her personal preference would be to have green space.
Mayor Infeld noted that it would be a two step process, to acquire the property and then determine the use. She explained if the City acquires the property, she will appoint a committee of residents to study the use of property. She added that the City does not have funding to support a community center nor the personnel to operate a community center. Mayor Infeld noted that if the community desires to construct a building and operate a community center, it could be put before the voters as a bond issue.

Mrs. Hubman inquired if the City knows the cost of demolition and if the City can afford it. Mayor Infeld replied that the City has a cost on the demolition. She also responded that the purchase will be spread over a three-year time period and there was a $1.4 million surplus of revenue left over from 2011, a portion of which will be used to acquire the property. She added that the City has enough money to purchase the property. If the building is to be demolished, the City could try to secure grant funds, if not, the cost will be the City’s responsibility. But, Mayor Infeld emphasized that there is not enough money to operate a community center using General Fund revenues.

With regard to Mrs. Hubman’s question about new curbs, Mayor Infeld noted that residents can place their names on a list and the Service Department will replace curbs as time and weather permits. She commented that discussion on the Silsby Road property will come up under that agenda item.

Mayor Infeld reported on several other items:

There is a movement in Columbus to move forward with the Governor Kasich’s proposal for municipal income tax uniformity. The proposal would remove the separate collection of municipal income taxes from individual communities. Mayor Infeld mentioned that the City passed Resolution No. 2011-77, opposing a State operated program for the central collection of municipal income tax. She noted that municipalities in Northeast Ohio are concerned that if the State takes over collection, the local governments may not receive all the funds.

John Carroll University will hold the Relay for Life event on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight. It will not be an overnight event this year. Interested parties may sign up as part of a relay team on John Carroll University’s website, www.jcu.edu/relay. Donations are also welcome.

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools District’s facilities master plan calls for the closing of Gearing Professional Development School. There would be four (4) elementary schools in Cleveland Heights. There will be three (3) middle schools, two (2) in the Cleveland Heights and Wiley Middle School in University Heights. The high school will be in still be in Cleveland Heights. Mayor Infeld expressed concern about closing the only public elementary school in the community. She was concerned about how it will impact home values and the city may not be as attractive to potential residents. She was also concerned that University Heights residents may not be aware of what the school’s facilities plan is.

Mayor Infeld announced that City officials will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to make the University Heights residents aware of the plan. She was hopeful that the residents would offer input to the School District prior to April 18, 2012, when the district intends to present its final plan at Cleveland Heights High School at 6:30 p.m. Flyers will be delivered to all the homes in the city advertising the Town Hall Meeting. The school district’s remaining communities meetings prior to April 18, 2012 are:

April 3, Oxford Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
April 4, Canterbury Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
April 5, Boulevard Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Goldberg inquired if members of the School Board will be at the Town Hall Meeting to answer questions. Mayor Infeld replied that School Board member, Eric Coble, requested to have School Board members at the meeting because he was worried about misinformation being presented. She said that would be okay, but her intention in having the meeting was to tell people that there is a schools facilities plan, to find out if they are aware of it, and to make them aware that one component of the plan is to close Gearing Professional Development School. It was not the Mayor’s intention to have the school district’s consultant present the plan because there are plenty of community meetings for that.
Councilwoman Pardee mentioned that while Canterbury Elementary School is in Cleveland Heights, it has more University Heights elementary students than Gearity. Mayor Infeld commented that there are almost equal numbers of University Heights children in each school, Canterbury has 190 students and Gearity has 170 students. She stated that for the health of the community it is important to maintain a public elementary school presence in the city.

Councilwoman Cameron stated that if Gearity closes the community will lack reasonable access for young children to walk to school. She also noted that one of the tenents of the educational process is to have neighborhood and community representation in schools. Councilwoman Pardee noted that not many students are walking to Gearity, they are bused.

Councilwoman Zucker suggested sending a letter or resolution to the School Board indicating that the City is objecting to the plan. Councilwoman Cameron and Councilman Ertel agreed. Mayor Infeld noted that a resolution could be prepared for action at the Council meeting of April 16, 2012. Interim Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher stated that he will work with the Mayor on the resolution, and that Councilwoman Pardee should excuse herself from the vote. Councilwoman Pardee stated that she would excuse herself from the vote, but she urged Council members to listen to the facts before making a decision.

Councilman Sims inquired if the Mayor received a written briefing that could be shared. Mayor Infeld responded that she has a schematic of the two plans, but does not have a schematic of the newest plan.

Vice Mayor Goldberg stated that the residents at the community meeting she attended did not have hard data and felt blind sided after the levy was passed. She suggested that the City request data from the school district as it relates to the pre-school at Gearity and how it has become a feeder for Gearity. She also requested information on the viability of the John Carroll University student teacher program with Gearity; the years and success of that program as well. She also requested data in terms of the number of students, by grade, that currently attend Gearity Professional Development School, those in walking distance and those that are bused. Vice Mayor Goldberg stated that it is important to have a neighborhood elementary school in the city as a focal point for families to move into University Heights and raise their families.

Councilwoman Zucker stated that the Gearity neighborhood is a viable neighborhood and she was concerned about what the closing and empty building would do to the neighborhood. Mayor Infeld noted that her concern is for the entire community. She mentioned that in order to maintain its health and desirability as a place to live, University Heights must have a public elementary school in the city. Mayor Infeld hoped the school district will provide the City with the data requested by Vice Mayor Goldberg.

Mayor Infeld remarked that it was reported that the overall dollar figure to replace all of the school district’s buildings was approximately $220 million, but there was no explanation as to how it will be paid. She added that the presenter at the meeting said the numbers have not been finalized. Her concern was that a final plan will be presented without any information about the costs.

Councilman Ertel stated that Northwood serves as an example of what could happen when a school closes. Mayor Infeld responded that this potential closing would affect the entire city. She added that the Ohio State Constitution guarantees access to public education for everyone and to take away an amenity like a public education which needs to be accessible to all is detrimental to the health of the community.

Councilman Sims stated that he hopes the decision being made is it based upon a study, and he would like to see the study. Councilwoman Cameron concurred that City officials be presented with some meaningful way to review the facilities plan in order to understand what the rationale was for closing the school. She stated that people are reacting to the proposal to close the elementary school without any options. She added that despite best efforts it seems that the school district has made its decision regardless of citizen input or method of appealing the decision or making a recommendation.

Mayor Infeld mentioned that School Board president, Karen Jones, requested a joint meeting with the School Board, the City of University Heights and the City of Cleveland Heights after the meeting on April 18, 2012. There was a consensus among the Council members that such a meeting should have occurred prior to the community meetings so that City officials would have been aware of the plan.
Mr. Fisher suggested making the April 11, 2012 Town Hall Meeting a joint meeting with the School Board to assist in the dissemination of information.

Mayor Infeld presented a proclamation to Aurora Martinez, branch manager of the University Heights Public Library, proclaiming April 8-14, 2012 as National Library Week in the City of University Heights and encouraging all residents to visit the library during this week.

Ms. Martinez stated that in listening to the discussion, she intends to contact the School Board to request any information that they would like to make available for the public to have on hand at the library, such as plans, meeting notes, etc. She encouraged the City officials to advise their constituents to view the extensive blog linked from the school district’s website at www.chuh.org. The residents may also call or visit the library for assistance in accessing the site.

Agenda Items:

A. Ordinance No. 2012-10 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement for the purchase of 3954 Silsby Road (2nd Reading/Emergency)

Ordinance No. 2012-10, which was placed on first reading on March 19, 2012, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with Joan Bitterman, Attorney-In-Fact for Lila M. Kramer (the “Seller”) for the purchase of 3954 Silsby Road, University Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Fisher reported that the point of sale has been completed and there are numerous violations on the property. Building Commissioner David Menn noted that there are thirty-five (35) violations. He noted some of the violations: the garage would have to be rebuilt, driveway issues, foundation problems, electrical problem, cracking of the second and third floor walls and water damage in the basement.

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2012-10 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on passage, all voted “aye.”

B. Ordinance No. 2012-11 Amending Chapter 820 of the Codified Ordinances updating those protected classes to which fair housing provisions are applicable (Emergency)

Ordinance No. 2012-11 amends Chapter 820 of the Codified Ordinances by updating those protected classes to which fair housing provisions are applicable. Mayor Infeld explained that the Chapter has been updated to include under protected classes: sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, military status, and association with a protected class or source of income. It was noted that the "association with protected class" refers to care givers. Mr. Fisher stated that under the provisions, care givers are afforded the same status. Mayor Infeld also commented that the Housing Research & Advocacy Center was complimentary as to how inclusive the ordinance is.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. COZZENS to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2012-11 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted “aye.” On roll call, on passage, all voted “aye.”

C. Ordinance No. 2012-12 Authorizing an agreement with James G. Zupka, C.P.A., Inc. for audit services for the periods ending December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2014 (Emergency)

Ordinance No. 2012-12 authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with James G. Zupka, C.P.A., for audit services for the periods ending December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2014. Interim Finance Director Anthony Ianiro reported that the State Auditor Office has completed its selection process and selected James G. Zupka, C.P.A., to perform the City’s audits for the next four years. The Zupka firm rated highest based on a technical rating and cost proposal. Mr. Ianiro added that passage of the ordinance is required to validate and confirm that the City properly procured services in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Auditor’s Office.

Councilman Sims inquired as to who received and reviewed the proposals. Mr. Ianiro stated that he and the State Auditor’s Office reviewed the proposals. Mr. Sims inquired as to why an award letter had already been forwarded to James G. Zupka. Mr. Ianiro responded that the letter was sent from the State Auditor’s Office under the Auditor’s procedures and procurement methods. He added that the City is just validating and confirming that the Auditor’s procedures were followed.
Councilman Sims questioned why the City has no opportunity to decide who audits its books. Mr. Ianiro replied that the City would have to if a very good reason if they wanted to drop down to a lower rated firm or one that was more expensive.

Councilman Sims stated that he was personally very uncomfortable with the Zupka firm given the past history with the City with respect to deficiencies that occurred and other matters that should have been brought to the attention of the City by the firm. He added that since the procurement of services was by RFP (request for proposals) there was an opportunity to negotiate with all the companies on all matters such as terms and conditions. He feels this negotiation should have taken place and Council should have had the opportunity to be a part of the process. Mayor Infeld commented that the State audits the City and when they choose not to audit and farm it out, it is the State Auditor's decision, not the City's. Mr. Ianiro understood what Mr. Sims was saying, but he reiterated that this was a process of the State Auditor's Office that the City is a part of and the legislation is just confirming an validating that the City has followed the proper procedures in accordance with the State Auditor's rules and regulations for procurement.

Councilwoman Cameron asked what provision dictates that the City pass an ordinance to support what the State Auditor is telling the City to do. Mayor Infeld replied that it is just a way to be transparent to the community. Mr. Fisher also explained that the State Auditor is charged by law with the responsibility to provide auditing of all political subdivisions within the state. The Auditor made a determination to outsource the audit for University Heights and went through a closed, sealed bid submission to which four (4) accounting firms responded. The decision as to who to hire is the State Auditor, who has determined it should be the firm of James G. Zupka, C.P.A., Inc. Mr. Fisher added that the City has payment responsibility and that is why an ordinance is needed to authorize the expenditure of funds.

Councilwoman Zucker inquired as to what will happen if the Council decides not hire the Zupka firm. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Ianiro were unsure, but would contact the State Auditor's Office to find out. Councilman Ertel suggested that the ordinance be tabled until it is determined what the City's options are. Mr. Fisher advised that if the ordinance is tabled, a written correspondence be sent to the State Auditor articulating the Council's objections to using the firm of James G. Zupka, C.P.A., Inc.

Councilwoman Pardee was in favor of voting.

Councilman Sims wanted to understand the process, to know why a letter went out to Zupka prior to the vote of Council, and if the process was done through an RFP, which the terms should have been subject to negotiations. Mr. Ianiro stated that this process does not work in that manner. He added that based on the technical score and cost proposals, James G. Zupka, C.P.A. Inc. submitted the lowest and/or best bid. Therefore, Mr. Ianiro recommended that the City contract with the firm. Councilman Sims inquired if past performance was considered. Mr. Ianiro stated that it was not taken into consideration. Mr. Fisher stated that as long a Zupka is on the approved list of auditing firms, they will be considered.

Councilwoman Cameron inquired if the ordinance could be amended to address the issue of transparency and the fact that this is an unnegotiable transaction. Mayor Infeld mentioned that Council has to approve the amount.

Vice Mayor Goldberg noted that everything looks good on paper, but she inquired if the judges understand the challenges that the City encountered relative to the work performed by James G. Zupka, C.P.A. Inc. Mr. Ianiro replied that the State Auditor's Office is aware of what happened a few years ago.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. COZZENS to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2012-12 as an emergency measure. On roll call, all voted “aye.” On roll call on passage, Mr. Cozzens, Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Cameron voted “aye” and Mrs. Zucker, Mr. Sims, Ms. Goldberg, and Mr. Ertel voted “nay.” MOTION FAILED.

D. Ordinance No. 2012-13 Authorizing an agreement with Statewide Municipal Leasing for the lease of two 2012 Dodge Chargers for the Police Department (Emergency)

Ordinance No. 2012-13 authorizes the Mayor to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement with Statewide Municipal Leasing under the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program for the lease of two (2) 2012 Dodge Chargers in an annual amount not to exceed $22,007.90.
Mayor Infeld stated that this item was included in the budget. She added that the lease includes an option to purchase in year three for $1. In response to an inquiry by Councilman Sims, Chief of Police Steven Hammett noted that the costs associated with equipping the vehicles are included in lease amount.

**MOTION BY MS. GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2012-13 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted “aye.” On roll call, on passage, all voted “aye.”**

E. Ordinance No. 2012-14 To provide for the issuance and sale of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds in the principal amount not to exceed $2,487,000 for various purposes (Emergency)

Ordinance No. 2012-14 provides for the issuance and sale of notes of the City of University Heights in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, in a principal amount now estimated not to exceed $2,487,000 for the following various purposes: 2001 Street Improvement Project ($350,000); 2002 Street Improvement Project ($250,000); 2003 Street Improvement Project ($150,000); 2004 Street Improvement Project ($400,000); 2004 Motorized Equipment Project ($100,000); 2004 Cedar Road Street Improvement Project ($370,000); 2004 Warrensville Center Road Improvement Project ($124,000); 2005 Motorized Equipment Project ($85,500); 2005 Street Improvement Project ($414,500); 2006 Sewer Project ($300,000); 2006 Motorized Equipment Project ($350,000); and 2006 Street Improvement Project ($200,000).

Mr. Ianiro reported that the ordinance authorizes the rollover of the various purposes notes. He added that the City will make a $229,000 payment. The current note is due May 2, 2012, when a sale will be negotiated, and the old note will be paid off.

In response to Councilman Sims, Mr. Ianiro explained why the City issues notes instead of bonds, indicating that over the years the twelve small notes have been combined into one large note. He mentioned that they could issue bonds, but the plan was to keep paying the notes down over the course of time and eventually pay them off. He commented that the note could be added to in any given year in order to accommodate a specific project without incurring bond costs. Councilman Sims was unsure of the cost of the initial bond, but the rate on the bonds would be much lower. He inquired if a calculation has been done for a cost benefit analysis.

He was also interested in knowing how the City selects who the City issues the note with. Mr. Ianiro stated that Tim Reidy of Huntington, has been the investment banker on this note for a number of years, and he will continue to provide that service. Councilman Sims stated that he will not press the issue this year, but commented that the City should consider other financial institutions. Mayor Infeld stated that she met with Jeff Frank at KeyBank and the rates are the same rates, it would just be a different person. Councilman Sims noted that different financial institutions can get different rates.

Councilman Sims brought up the fact that there is an additional sentence at the end of Section 2 of Fiscal Officer's Certificate for the 2001 Street Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes - 2012 Renewal that is not in any of the other certificates. It reads, “Therefore, the maximum maturity of such bonds is May 1, 2021.” Mr. Ianiro will check with bond counsel on this. Mr. Fisher suggested that a bond counsel representative be at the next Council meeting to answer questions which may arise.

Councilman Sims inquired if the 2004 Motorized Equipment Bond Anticipation Notes have to be paid off by May 12, 2014. Mr. Ianiro responded yes.

Ordinance No. 2012-14 was presented on first reading.

F. Ordinance No. 2012-15 Authorizing a purchase agreement with The Leonard and Susan Fuchs Mizrachi School (1st Reading)

Ordinance No. 2012-15 authorizes the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with The Leonard and Susan Fuchs Mizrachi School, including all necessary documents appurtenant thereto. Mayor Infeld noted that the purchase price of the Fuchs Mizrachi School property is $600,000 with three annual payments: $300,000 in 2012, $200,000 in 2013, and $100,000 in 2014. Mr. Fisher noted that the ordinance is presented in two readings because the closing date is anticipated for mid-June.
Ordinance No. 2012-15 was presented on first reading.

G. Motion authorizing the purchase of pool chemicals for 2012

Service Director Robert Jamieson reported that the City participated in an informal cooperative purchasing effort with 19 communities for the purchase of the following pool chemicals: sodium hypochlorite, muriatic acid, and sodium bicarbonate. He noted that price for pool chemicals have gone down from 2011.

Mr. Jamieson recommended that the City purchase the pool chemicals for 2012 from SAL Chemical Company. He gave a cost estimate of $10,000, but noted that the exact amount of chemicals cannot be predicted because variables such as weather conditions, temperature, pool usage and actual chemical readings will determine the exact amount of each chemical to be purchased. Mr. Jamieson stated that all concerns of Aquatic Director Evan Luzar were addressed and he was comfortable going with SAL Chemical Company.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. COZZENS to approve the purchase of pool chemicals for 2012 from SAL Chemical Company. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Mayor Infeld extended best wishes to Mr. Jamieson, who will be leaving University Heights to take a position with Chagrin Falls.

H. 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 Infeld introduced Mr. Larry Heiser, who has been appointed to fill the position of Finance Director. Mr. Heiser is a C.P.A., who worked for the State Auditor’s Office, comes to University Heights from the Village of Johnstown, and is a lifelong resident of Bexley, Ohio. He will take his oath of office at the next Council meeting on Monday, April 16, 2012.

Interim Finance Director Anthony L. Ianiro did not have a report, but Mayor Infeld thanked Mr. Ianiro for stepping in to help the City during this transition. Councilman Sims stated that the City owes Mr. Ianiro a debt of gratitude. The members of Council offered thanks and well wishes to Mr. Ianiro.

Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher did not have a report, but he thanked Mr. Ianiro for his service to the City and wished him well with much success and happiness in his future endeavors after he leaves the City of Highland Heights.

Chief of Police Steven Hammett reported that he spoke with a representative of the Attorney General’s Office regarding internet cafés. He explained to the representative that the City’s objective was to enact permanent legislation to replace the temporary moratorium currently in place. The representative reaffirmed that currently there are no laws that ban internet cafés. He added that in order to prosecute it must be unequivocally proven that illegal gambling is occurring in the establishment. One characteristic of what is legal and what is illegal is that a game of chance is illegal while a game of skill is legal. There is also a cap on the cash amount which can be paid out. The representative also mentioned to him that other States have attempted to criminalize internet cafés; they have either lost or were successfully sued. Therefore, the representative recommended that until the Attorney General’s Office or the State Legislature comes up with concrete legislation, the City continue to pass legislation on moratoriums. One of the biggest impediments in creating a State law that bans internet cafés is that some municipalities receive revenue from them. Chief Hammett noted that the House Bill currently pending would only ban the number of terminals in a specific area, not internet cafés establishments.

Mr. Fisher stated that H.B. 195 will regulate the number and location of internet cafés under the jurisdiction of the Casino Commission. He mentioned that there are some cities which tax internet cafés and an argument can be made that it is gambling. He noted that a jury in the City of Cleveland convicted an operator who was in violation of the City of Cleveland’s moratorium on a gambling conviction.
Mr. Fisher stated that it is his position as well as City Prosecutor William T. Doyle’s that the use should not be allowed and the moratorium should be continued until the State regulates the use. However, he added that it is not a use the City would want to approve and/or benefit from. Chief Hammett mentioned that there are more laws on the books to govern church bingo than internet cafés.

**Fire Chief** David Rodney and Chief Hammett reported on a seminar they attended with Mayor Infeld on media relations. Chief Hammett mentioned that they covered the do’s and don’ts of interacting with the media. He noted that much of the presentation was common sense items.

Mayor Infeld noted that the crisis communication seminar was put on by the County and sponsored by the Chiefs of Police Association, Fire Chiefs Association and Mayors and Managers Association. It was arranged after the Chardon High School shooting.

Fire Chief Rodney stated that the seminar was well presented with a lot of common sense ideas. They covered how to best get out the facts in an emergency situation, especially with social media. He added that the number of people from around the county who attended demonstrated the need to be prepared.

**City Engineer** Joseph R. Ciuni could not attend the meeting, but Mayor Infeld reported that the City of Shaker Heights opened bids for the joint asphalt paving program. The contract was awarded to Burton Scot.

**Building Commission** David Menn reported that McDonald’s has planted the landscaping around the site. The paving should be completed in one to two months when the asphalt plants open.

Mayor Infeld reported that the pool is being prepared for painting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Civic Information Committee** Chairman Susan D. Pardee reported that a Civic Information Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Recreation Committee** Chairman Pamela Cameron recommended that Michael Brennan of Washington Blvd. be added as a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman Cameron reported that the committee recommended that pool and tennis fees be increased. The family pass shall increase from $90 to $125; adult tennis lessons shall be increased from $25 to $30; children tennis team fees to be increased from $20 to $25; children’s tennis lessons on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to be increased from $10 to $15; and children’s tennis lessons on Tuesday and Thursday to be increased from $15 to $20. Councilwoman Cameron mentioned that the increases are modest and should be included in the summer recreation brochure. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Law Department for preparation of an ordinance for Council action at the next regular Council meeting.

Councilwoman Cameron also reported that Aquatic Director Evan Luzar commended Ray Lancaster and Albert Rawlinson as hard-working and reliable pool staff members. He added that their skill, dedication and creativity is an invaluable resource to the City.

Mayor Infeld reported that the recreation brochure is currently being prepared and the fee increases will be added after they are approved by Council. Councilwoman Cameron requested that the information in the recreation brochure be posted online as soon as possible in order to be available to citizens who are considering summer activities for their children. Mayor Infeld noted that online payment will be offered for recreation passes and passes will be purchased at the pool again this year.

**Safety Committee** Chairman Frankie B. Goldberg did not have a report, but she thanked Chief Hammett for his comprehensive report on internet cafés.

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

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Mayor Susan K. Infeld

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Nancy E. English, Clerk of Council