

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
DECEMBER 17, 2012

Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:34p.m.

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

Also Present: Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas
Law Director Anthony J. Coyne
Finance Director Larry Heiser
Chief of Police Steven Hammett
Service Director Jeffery Pokorny

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the meeting held on December 7, 2012

MOTION BY MR. COZZENS, SECONDED BY MRS. GOLDBERG to approve the minutes as presented with the corrections noted on by Mayor Infeld on page 1 - correct spelling of Kay Hawn's name and by Mrs. Pardee, page 4 under Civic Information Committee Report - to read "Part-time temporary center in the University Heights Branch" and "The City would then have to provide some of the support for a Cleveland Heights/University Heights Library part-time staff member." On roll call, all voted "aye," except Mr. Sims who "passed."

Comments from the Audience

No comments

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

Mayor Infeld informed everyone that the December newsletter has been sent to the blast e-mail mailing list and will also be distributed to homes by the service department.

The second town hall meeting for the proposed consolidation of the University Heights fire services with those of Shaker Heights will be held on Thursday, January 10 at 7pm at City Hall. If persons cannot attend and have any opinion about the study or the proposed consolidation they should feel free to share their thoughts with the members of council and Mayor. All contact information, i.e. email addresses and phone numbers are posted in the city's newsletter and on the website under contacts. Mayor Infeld also reminded everyone about the recycling project with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in the collection of old, broken holiday lights, strings and power/electrical cords for reuse in a industrial setting.

Lastly, the Mayor noted that earlier the City recognized John Pucella as the 2012 Employee of the Year. The Employee of the Year is voted on by all city employees. John is the first employee to receive this award twice.

Agenda Items:

A. Resolution No. 2012-79 Honoring Kay Hawn as Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Infeld provided background information on the 2012 University Heights Citizen of the Year, Kay Hawn. Ms. Hawn has been involved in swimming her entire life, she grew up on Clairidge Oval, attended school at Gesu, Beaumont and Kenyon College. Ms. Hawn, a lifelong competitive swimmer brought her love of swimming to the kids on the summer youth swim team at Purvis Park.

Each member of Council read a portion of Resolution 2012-79 honoring Kay Hawn as Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Infeld read a proclamation which was then presented to Kay Hawn as Citizen of the Year.

MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. COZZENS to approve the passage of Resolution No. 2012-79 honoring Kay Hawn as Citizen of the Year. On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye."

B. Ordinance No. 2012-76 Amending Ordinance Establishing Section 234.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of University Heights establishing a Returned Check Policy (second reading)

Finance Director Larry Heiser reiterated that Ordinance No. 2012-76 reflects the fee that the bank charges the City for return checks.

MOTION BY MRS. GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2012-76. On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye."

C. Ordinance No. 2012-77 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds (second reading).

Mr. Cozzens stated that Ordinance 2012-77 is being presented on second reading and is standard procedure for transferring funds.

MOTION BY MR. COZZENS, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2012-77. On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye."

D. Resolution No. 2012-78 Authorizing the City to Join in the Application by they City of South Euclid, on Behalf of the Cities of University Heights, Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and East Cleveland, and University Circle Incorporated and Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce, which together call themselves the "Circle Heights Alliance," for a Grant of up to a Maximum of \$100,000 from the State of Ohio Local Government Initiative Fund to Conduct a Feasibility Study for Economic Development Cooperation. (second reading)

Mrs. Pardee asked if there was a due date or if it is rolling grants? Mrs. Pardee also asked if the grant period is for one (1) year.

Mayor Infeld stated the due date is the end of march and wasn't sure if there's was a time limit in which the study had to be done. Mayor Infeld noted she thought the intention was for the study not to take longer than 12 months.

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. GOLDBERG to approve the passage of Resolution No. 2012-78. On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye."

E. Resolution No. 2012-80 Opposition to HB 601 (on emergency)

Mayor Infeld explained that Resolution 2012-80 expresses Council's strong opposition to the passage of HB 601 as it is currently written by the Ohio General Assembly. HB 601 proposes uniformity measures for municipal income tax collection in the form of unfunded mandates and substantial loss of revenue. HB 601 has been introduced in the State House, the State House is currently in lame duck session and will reconvene in January. University Heights is joining in with most other Municipalities in Cuyahoga County to expressing their concern by passing Resolutions and submitting them to the State House and the sponsors of the bill.

Finance Director Larry Heiser stated that RITA (Regional Income Tax Association) also sent out example of Resolutions to all its cities for passage.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to approve the passage of Resolution No. 2012-80 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye". On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye".

F. Resolution No. 2012-81 In Support of an Application for a Grant from the State of Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund made by the City of South Euclid on behalf of the Cities of University Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, Euclid and Beachwood to Conduct a Feasibility Study of Joint Police Dispatch. (first reading)

Mayor Infeld stated Resolution 2012-81 is to obtain grant funding to preform a feasibility study for joint police dispatch among the listed cities. University Heights already works with these cities on the EDGE program and council in the past approved a joint swat team between the cities.

G. Ordinance No. 2012-82 Appropriating Funds for Current Expenses. (emergency reading)

Mayor Infeld stated that Ordinance 2012-82 is a temporary budget for the appropriation of funds for current expenses and other expenditures during the first quarter of 2013 (January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013).

Mr. Heiser noted that this is necessary in order to operate until the full budget can be presented and approved in January.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. COZZENS to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2012-82 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye". On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye".

Mayor Infeld asked Council for a motion to add Resolution 2012-83 to the agenda.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. COZZENS to add Resolution 2012-83 to the Agenda. On roll call, all voted "aye."

Resolution 2012-83 Authorizes the City to join in the Application with Cleveland Heights for the Mutual Aid Interchange of Police Personnel, Equipment, and Services to Provide Bomb Squad Services Assistance.

Mayor Infeld stated that this is a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for University Heights to join in with Cleveland Heights to provide bomb squad services assistance to University Heights.

Police Chief Hammett remarked that this is a great opportunity for University Heights because Cleveland Heights has state of the art bomb technicians and equipment. In exchange University Heights will only have to provide manpower during critical incidences without cost. Currently University Heights has an agreement with SPAN (police anti-crime network) which involves other cities but takes longer to deploy because it involves several other departments as well as associated cost.

Mrs. Cameron asked if this will have any affect University Heights efforts to join the Police Joint Dispatch with other cities. Chief Hammett responded that it would not have any effect because it is a totally separate program. Shaker Heights has been involved in the same type of MOU with Cleveland Heights for at least the last 15 years. Chief Hammett noted that cities are coming together with various MOU's to support each other with the cost of equipment .

MOTION BY MRS. GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to approve the passage of Resolution No. 2012-83 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye". On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye".

H. Motion to approve the 2013 contract for public health services provided by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health

Mayor Infeld explained that this is a annual contract that requires yearly passage, it was also noted that there is no increase in cost.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the 2013 Contract with Cuyahoga County for Public Health. On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye."

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

Mayor Infeld noted the need for a executive session in regards to personnel matters.

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to hold an executive session immediately following this regular meeting for the purpose of personnel matters. On roll call, all voted "aye."

Directors' Reports:

Finance Director Larry Heiser stated he will schedule a Finance Committee meeting to review the budget.

Police Chief Steve Hammett informed council that the traffic control box which operates the traffic signal at the Warrensville Center and Cedar Roads was damaged as a result of a traffic accident that occurred at Cedar Center involving a RTA bus. In the interest of public safety Chief Hammett diverted traffic at the intersection for approximately 24 hours. Temporary repairs were done so that the intersection could be re-opened. Parts for the traffic control box have to be ordered and made so permanent repairs may not be done until March or April 2013.

In light of the Connecticut tragedy Chief Hammett assured the community that the police department maintains a presence in and around all the schools throughout the school year. In the aftermath of this incident the presence of police has been increased. Under Ohio revised code 3737.73 schools are required to have safety drills once a year during the school year. Chief Hammett noted that the schools in University Heights take pride in staying on top of completing their drills.

Mayor Infeld acknowledged and thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their efforts in regards to the accident at the Cedar/Warrensville Center Road intersection as well as those from neighboring cities.

Mayor Infeld also announced that the renovations to the Building Department have been completed. Grant funds paid for the new roof, windows, and air conditioning system. The carpet has been replaced along with painting of the interior walls.

Committee Reports:

Civic Information Committee Chairman Susan Pardee stated she is planning to hold a Civic Information Committee meeting in January with at least two (2) agenda items: further discussion on the STC van usage and to review the resume/letters of interest received from the community for the Technology Committee.

Finance Committee Chairman Thomas Cozzens noted the Finance Committee is working with the Finance Director to prepare the 2013 budget.

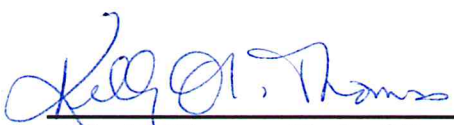
Recreation Committee Chairwoman Pamela Cameron stated that the 2012 Citizen of the Year, Kay Hawn is also a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Safety Committee Chairwoman Frankie Goldberg stated there may be a Safety Committee meeting in January to review the texting issues in University Heights.

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



Susan K. Infeld, Mayor



Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council