

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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

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

Absent: Mr. Steven D. Bullock  
Mr. Kevin Patrick Murphy

Also Present: Clerk of Council Nancy E. English  
Law Director Kenneth Fisher  
Finance Director Arman R. Ochoa  
Chief of Police Gary Stehlik  
Community Coordinator Walter Stinson  
Service Director Christopher Vild  
City Engineer Joseph R. Ciuni

**MOTION BY MS. GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MR. CONSOLO to excuse the absence of Mr. Bullock and Mr. Murphy. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

A moment of silence was held for the Pitchler Family, who suffered an explosion at their home. The parents of Fire Chief John Pitchler, Frank and Alice Pitchler, were critically injured in the incident. Mrs. Alice Pitchler later passed away as a result of her injuries.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 20, 2009

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of January 20, 2009.

**MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve request from the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission to hold the AC Milan Continental Cup and World School Games at John Carroll University with fireworks display and extended lights at Shula Stadium - David Gilbert and Meredith Scerba of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission**

Mayor Rothschild stated that the Continental Cup was held at John Carroll University (JCU) for the last two years and it went very well. She noted that the Fire Chief has approved a standing fireworks display. Bellefaire JCB has also approved the fireworks display.

Ms. Meredith Scerba, vice president of Events Management, Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, stated that this will be the third year for the Continental Cup at John Carroll University. She noted that the event has grown from thirty-six (36) teams the first year to ninety-six (96) teams last year. This year AC Milan has signed onto the event with athletes from all around the world participating in the soccer tournament. The event will be held on July 1-4, 2009.

Ms. Scerba requested approval to have a fireworks display on Thursday, July 2, 2008 during the opening ceremonies and to extend the lighting at Shula Stadium until the stadium is vacated. She noted that the fireworks display will be the exact same show as last year and will be 2-3 minutes in length starting at approximately 8:50 p.m. The same fireworks company, Hamburg Fireworks Display Inc., and the same shooter will do the show again this year.

Ms. Scerba stated that even though they are requesting approval of the World School Games, the event has not been officially approved due to the state of the economy. The decision on whether the games will be held will not be known until March 15, 2009. If held, the World School Games would be held July 17-20, 2009. The same fireworks display is planned for the opening ceremony of this event also on Friday, July 17, 2009.

Both events will be free and open to the public. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for both events with the show beginning at 8 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. with the fireworks display just prior to the end of the program. The stadiums lights will be turned off once the stadium has been vacated. Construction lights will be used for breaking down the stage.

Mr. Fisher stated that the Friday evening event on July 17, 2009 may raise other issues in the community because the Jewish Sabbath begins on Friday night for a number of University Heights residents in the area around Shula Stadium. He recommended that approval of the World School Games be held until a later date.

**MOTION BY MR. CONSOLO, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the request from the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission to hold the AC Milan Continental Cup (soccer games) at John Carroll University with fireworks display and extended lights at Shula Stadium on July 2, 2009. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

**B. Motion to authorize joint bidding with the City of Shaker Heights for the 2009 Road Improvements**

City Engineer Joseph R. Ciuni recommended resurfacing the following two (2) streets: Edgerton Road from Silsby Road to Washington Blvd. (est. cost \$58,500) and Silsby Road from Edgerton Road to Fenwick Road (est. cost \$58,000) with 10% curb repairs. He recommended joint bidding with the City of Shaker Heights for the 2009 Road Improvement. Mr. Ciuni reported that Shaker Heights will handle the bidding process and hire the contractor. Bids intend to be let next week. Vice Mayor Zucker suggested that the resurfacing project not run late into the year.

Mr. Consolo noted that there was an issue with the asphalt Shaker Heights used last year. Mr. Ciuni stated that Shaker Heights will use the standard ODOT mix as opposed to the all virgin mix asphalt that they used last year.

**MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. CONSOLO to authorize joint bidding with the City of Shaker Heights for the 2009 Road Improvements for the streets of Edgerton Road and Silsby Road. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

**C. Motion to authorize joint bidding with the City of Cleveland Heights for South Taylor Road Resurfacing**

Mr. Ciuni recommended joint bidding with the City of Cleveland Heights for the resurfacing of one-half (½) of South Taylor Road from Silsby Rd. to Cedar Road. The cost estimate was approximately \$54,000. Mr. Ciuni noted that Cleveland Heights will advertise for the bids and supervise the construction.

**MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to authorize joint bidding with the City of Cleveland Heights for the South Taylor Road Resurfacing. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

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

**MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MS. GOLDBERG to hold an executive session immediately following this regular meeting for the purpose of discussing the possible acquisition of real estate. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

Committee Reports:

**Building Committee** Chairman Peter R. Bernardo reported that his committee will meet on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**University Affairs Committee** Chairman Frank Consolo reported that the next meeting of the committee is Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the JCU Green Road Annex.

**Recreation Committee** Chairman Frankie Goldberg reported that the Recreation Advisory Committee will meet on February 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Service & Utilities Committee** Chairman Adele H. Zucker reported that the committee has been considering a study to evaluate the City's solid waste collection services. She noted that an ordinance will be presented at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was recessed into executive session. Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Beryl E. Rothschild

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Nancy E. English, Clerk of Council