

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
MARCH 18, 2013

Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Also Present: Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas
Finance Director Larry Heiser
Chief of Police Steven Hammett
Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny
City Arborist Tom Morgan

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 2013

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to approve the minutes from March 4, 2013 as presented. On roll call, all voted "aye," except Mrs. Goldberg who "passed."

Comments from the Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

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

The committee that is studying the use of the property that was formerly Northwood Elementary School and Fuchs Mizarchi will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm in Council Chambers.

April is Clean Up Month in University Heights. Residents can place yard clippings, leaves, bundled brush and branches on their treelawns for pickup by the Service Department.

Mayor Infeld announced that she was appointed to the NOACA Board. The NOACA Board is the master planning organization for this region. The Board determines how Federal Transportation dollars are used for the five (5) county areas and is also responsible for clean air and clean water initiatives, road paving, bridge and multi-mobile projects (i.e. bike paths). Mayor Infeld stated that she also serves on the County Planning Commission.

Mayor Infeld reported that the County Board of Health has distributed their 2012 Annual Report.

Agenda Items:

A. Presentation to Gesu Boys Basketball Team ~ City Champions

Mayor Infeld read and presented certificates to the Gesu Boys Varsity Basketball Team for winning the 2013 CYO City Championship Tournament. Mayor Infeld introduced Coach Salata and the team members.

B. Presentation of City's Tree Program

Service Director Jeff Pokorny introduced the City's Arborist Tom Morgan and gave a complete review of the City's use of the Urban Forestry Management Plan. The plan divides the city into four (4) zones for the purpose of planting, inspecting and managing the City's treelawn trees. Each zone is reviewed yearly so that within a four (4) year cycle the entire city's tree inventory has been inspected. Mr. Pokorny also explained how the tree inventory is done and how each tree is listed, categorized, followed along with any tree work that has been done to it (trimming, pruning, etc.).

Mr. Morgan explained how he evaluates trees to determine their overall health. It was also explained how Mr. Morgan works with the tree companies who are awarded contracts to plant trees in the City.

Councilman Sims questioned what program does the City follow once new trees are planted. Mr. Pokorny provided a step by step explanation including the City choosing specific trees to be planted to the City Arborist working with the tree company to ensure the best trees are purchased at the nursery. The contractor is responsible for the planting, staking, mulching, protecting the tree trunks and the watering of all planted trees for a period of one (1) year. The city inspects the planted trees and the contractor is responsible for replacing any trees in poor condition. After the first year the homeowner is responsible for watering the treelawn trees.

Further discussion occurred on how the various species of trees are chosen and for which areas.

Mr. Morgan gave an overview of his qualifications as a Registered Arborist.

C. Motion to advertise for Service Department Scooters

Mr. Pokorny informed Council that the scooter would replace an older Cushman scooter. Last year the City received bids from three companies and the low bid was \$14,368.00.

Mayor Infeld noted that this is a planned capital replacement in the Service Department to replace one scooter a year.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. GOLDBERG to advertise for a new scooter for the Service Department. 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.

There was no need to hold an executive session.

Directors' Reports:

City Engineer In the absence of City Engineer Joseph Ciuni, Mayor Infeld reminded everyone about the Special Council Meeting Friday, March 22 at 8am to authorize city to apply for CDBG Funding for the Lansdale Resurfacing Project.

Mayor Infeld also noted the bids for the asphalt with the City of Shaker Heights will be opened on Friday, March 22 at 12noon in Shaker Heights. The four (4) streets scheduled to be re-paved are; Washington Boulevard (Cedar Road to Silsby Road), Milford Road, Lansdale Road and East Carroll Boulevard (South Green Road to White Road).

Committee Reports:

Civic Information Committee Chairman Susan Pardee reported that the civic information committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm. Senior Services and a local Realtor discussing how to promote the city will be on the agenda.

Safety Committee Chairman Frankie Goldberg reported that the Safety Committee met on March 12. Vice Mayor Goldberg hopes to have legislation ready to present at the next City Council agenda in regards to prohibiting use of electronic wireless communication devices for first reading.

Service and Utilities Committee Chairman Steven Sims reported the Service and Utilities Committee will meet sometime in April.

Governmental Affairs Committee Mayor Infeld stated that Governmental Affairs Chairman Phillip Ertel and Councilwoman Pamela Cameron have been attending meetings held by the School Board's Facilities Lay Committee as representatives from the City. Mayor Infeld stated she was able to attend one of the public meetings. The committee has two (2) plans with no guarantees; (1) no middle school in University Heights, (2) an elementary at either the Gearity or Wiley site. The Facilities Lay Committee is asking for a vote of confidence in a plan (which could change) to be able to capture a rebate one the cost of the construction (14% of the cost). It appears that one of the plans would be presented to the community and the community would be asked to vote. However, there's no guarantee that the plan voted on will be what is built. The district receives 14% rebate of the

construction cost but that may not be available for approximately 12 years.

Councilman Wiseman asked if University Heights could ask the School Board's Facilities Lay Committee to a City Council meeting to speak and to answer questions from Council and concerned residents. Mayor Infeld stated that was a good idea.

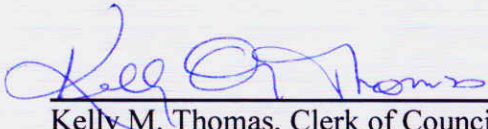
Councilwoman Cameron remarked that the Facilities Lay Committee was only charged to craft recommendations for the use of the buildings that are currently existing and layout a vision that incorporated all the principals that had previously been suggested. Mainly that the needs of each community be addressed.

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

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to adjourn. On roll call, all voted "aye".



Susan K. Infeld, Mayor



Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council