MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
MARCH 21, 2011

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

Roll Call: Present: Ms. Frankie B. Goldberg
Mr. Steven D. Bullock
Mr. Kevin Patrick Murphy
Mr. Frank Consolo
Mr. Phillip Ertel
Mrs. Susan D. Pardee

Absent: Mr. Steven Sims

Also Present: Clerk of Council Nancy E. English
Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher
Finance Director Jennifer Esarey
Chief of Police Gary Stehlik
Fire Chief John Pitchler
Building Commissioner David Menn
Service Director Robert Jamieson

MOTION BY MS. GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to excuse the absence of Mr. Sims. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 7, 2011

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of March 7, 2011.

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MR. CONSOLO to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 7, 2011. On roll call, all voted “aye,” except for Mr. Bullock, who “passed.”

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

Mayor Infeld stated that she will be traveling to Columbus, Ohio on March 22, 2011 with other Mayors from Cuyahoga County for the Ohio Municipal League’s Legislative Luncheon. The Mayors will meet with legislators and lobby for the needs of their communities since Governor Kasich’s budget, which was released on March 15, 2011, will impact municipalities.

Mayor Infeld announced that spring clean up will be held during the month of April. During this time, yard waste will be picked up from the tree lawn. She added that a CityWatch phone call will go out to explain the program.

Agenda Items:

A. Certificates of Recognition to the Gesu 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team for winning the CYO City Championship

Mayor Infeld read and presented Certificates of Recognition to Gesu 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team members Sam Danford, Cameron Callahan, Owen Reynolds, Zach Johnson, Tommy Murphy, Kris Oliver, Johnny Kirincic and Lenny Soeder and coaches Chris Salata, Brian McLaughlin and Anthony Colangelo for winning the 2011 Catholic Youth Organization City Championship on March 6, 2011.

B. Ordinance No. 2011-14 Amending Ord. No. 2010-64 by extending the temporary moratorium on Sweepstakes Terminal Cafes for a period of two (2) additional months (2nd Reading)

Ordinance No. 2011-14, which was presented on first reading on March 7, 2011, amends Ordinance No. 2010-64 by extending the temporary moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for zoning, occupancy, and/or building permit approval for sweepstakes terminal cafes and the issuance of such approval for a period of two (2) additional month.
Law Director Kenneth J. Fisher stated that Ohio Attorney General Michael DeWine issued a press release indicating that he and at least two (2) legislators will propose a statute that will regulate the use of sweepstakes terminal cafes. He noted that ultimately the State legislature will act and sweepstakes terminal cafes will be regulated by the State. However, until that time, Mr. Fisher recommended that the moratorium, which expires April 18, 2011, be extended by passage of the ordinance.

In regard to the potential interest in establishing sweepstake terminal cafes in University Heights, Chief Stehlik stated that no one has made inquiries to the police department. Building Commissioner David Menn stated that the building department has received numerous calls.

MOTION BY MS. GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MR. BULLOCK to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2011-14 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on passage, all voted “aye,” except Mr. Murphy, who voted “nay.”

C. Ordinance No. 2011-15 Appropriating for current expenses and other expenditures of the City for the period January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011 (2nd Reading)

Ordinance No. 2011-15, which was presented on first reading on March 7, 2011, appropriates for current expenses and other expenditures of the City for the period commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011.

Finance Director Jennifer Esarey stated that Ordinance No. 2011-15 must be passed and submitted to the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission by March 31, 2011. It was noted that the ordinance would have to be passed on emergency in order to be effective as of March 31, 2011.

Councilman Consolo inquired as to what would happen if the appropriation ordinance did not pass. Mr. Fisher replied that the City would be in violation of the statutory requirement. It was also noted that the temporary budget expires as of March 31, 2011 and the City would not have authority to operate and expend money as of April 1, 2011; therefore, the City would shut down.

Councilman Consolo stated that he was not in favor of passing the budget because he passed the 2010 budget in good faith that the administration would work diligently in 2010 to get ready for 2011 by looking at all of the City’s operations, its personnel, and joining with other cities, but he has not seen it happen in the 2011 budget process. He added that the final budget was not presented until February 24, 2011 which was late in the process. Mr. Consolo mentioned that $500,000 was expended without the Council’s knowledge to pay back a debt six months ago, which he believes is illegal.

Councilman Consolo stated that he was frustrated during the recent budget process, but now he is afraid and pointed out that on page 6 of the responses to Council’s questions regarding the 2011 budget, it suggested that the Finance Committee of Council look to assess further taxes on the residents to cover the cost of street maintenance, street lighting and sewer maintenance. Mr. Consolo was adamant against assessing further taxes on the residents. He added that he has gone through the budget and the only creative action the administrative has presented is to tax the residents. Councilman Consolo stated that the 2011 budget fails the people of University Heights and he cannot support it. He added that it is a pattern which has to stop.

Mayor Infeld stated that she was not sure Councilman Consolo voted for the budget last year. Councilman Consolo stated that he did vote in favor of the 2010 budget. Mayor Infeld went on to say that Mr. Consolo misrepresented page 6, as the Finance Director explained at the Finance Committee meeting that when Council increased those assessments they did not increase them to match what is needed to operate the street lights and to pay for the sewer and street maintenance. Therefore, the Council needs to consider if the dollar amounts collected in special assessments for the Street Lighting Fund, the Sewer Maintenance Fund and Street Maintenance Fund are adequate to meet the expenses. Councilman Consolo stated that he did not misrepresent and read the response directly from the pages 5 and 6.

Councilman Consolo noted that when the Council increased the assessments they had the interest of the residents in mind. He agreed there probably is not enough money in the funds to cover expenses, but mentioned that the City cannot pave the streets, pay for lights and clean the sewers at the expense of the residents or himself, as a resident, anymore. Mr. Consolo questioned why he should invest in the future of the city if the only thing the administration can think of in the budget process is raise the residents’ taxes.
He also pointed out that Governor Kasich has said the cities will have meet their own needs. Therefore, Mr. Consolo stated that the City is going to have to become fiscally responsible for itself and determine how to come up with the money it needs and not hope the State of Ohio will provide it or hope for an estate tax windfall. Councilman Consolo stated that he thought there would be one year’s worth of planning, but there has not been any planning other than to suggest that the residents pay increased taxes for three different funds.

Finance Director Jennifer Esarey stated that the reason she included the recommendation for increased assessments is because when the special assessments ordinances were presented for passage to continue at the previous levels in September of 2010, Councilman Sims stated that he would have liked to have the opportunity for the Finance Committee to review the special assessments to determine the amount of revenue being generated, see the costs that are being expended, and decide if the special assessments were correct. Ms. Esarey added that she wanted to make sure that Councilman Sims knew she heard his comments and that she would like to start that process in enough time establish a conversation before the deadline in September. Councilman Consolo stated that he understood that, but he had expectations as a citizen of University Heights that there was new leadership and he was willing to give the new leadership a chance to figure out new and creative ways to pay for street lighting, sewer maintenance and road resurfacing without coming to him as a taxpayer. He added that Councilman Sims has been frustrated and the Council has been trying for months to be heard, but the Council has not had a voice in the process.

Mayor Infeld stated that there are trade-offs. She noted that the City has been absorbing those expenses because the special assessments collected do not meet the actual cost of operation in terms of sewer maintenance and street lighting. Mayor Infeld took exception to the statement that Council did not see the final budget until February 24, 2011 and did not have a chance to comment. She added that the budget had been revised based on requests received from the Council at each of the Finance Committee meetings. Councilman Consolo stated that at the Finance Committee on February 24, 2011 the Council was given a 3-page document of proposed changes to the draft budget. He noted that the major items for the 2011 budget are the streets, sewer and lighting assessments. He added that there may be bigger items in the next budget, but the Council has not been presented with a plan for the future. Councilman Consolo stated that the time has come for somebody has to stand up the people.

Councilman Murphy shared Mr. Consolo’s frustration and did not feel the budget was revised based on Council’s comments. He felt that the Council was told time and again that this is the good budget for 2011. He noted that when the budget is presented last minute there is an opportunity to comment, but not really an opportunity to change it because it is rushed. He mentioned that he was frustrated last year as well, but voted for it because the Mayor told the Council to give her a year to get it together. Mr. Murphy commented that he believes the budget can get the City through 2011, but it will come at the expense of 2012-2016 because there is no long-term plan. Councilman Murphy stated that these types of budgets do not work and emphasized that the City cannot continue this way. He pointed out that the City needs to start thinking big and working with other cities. Mr. Murphy stated that this type of budget is not sustainable and he wanted to hear from the Mayor as to what the City is going to do about serious issues it faces such as the infrastructure, aging equipment, and an old and aging City Hall. He stated that the City has to start being more efficient so as to start reinvesting back into the community. Councilman Murphy stated that the City needs to start following best practices as other cities across the country have done and he added that everyone should to work together to do it.

Mayor Infeld stated that she is open to suggestions. But, in regard to best practices, Mayor Infeld noted that the City was awarded a grant from NOPEC in the amount of $121,170 to make improvements to all city buildings and the fire department was awarded a grant that allowed the City to purchase a new pumper truck. Councilman Consoo questionned why the City needs the new truck and why the City Hall building should be improved when there is available space at University Square. He noted that Council has requested that the Mayor look into moving administration and Council Chambers to University Square. He encouraged the Mayor to think outside the box. Mr. Consolo stated that the Council is comprised of seven professional people with great ideas that are being stifled when they are being told that this is it. He noted that this is unfair to the Council and the residents.

Mayor Infeld stated that she is hearing a request that the Council be spoon fed information. She noted that the Council had the budget seven to eight weeks in advance of the deadline, participated in the budget discussions, and gave a lot of feedback to the Finance Director and herself, and the budget was adjusted accordingly. Mayor Infeld noted that this is the first budget that she was aware of that actually has a line item for capital equipment purchases.
She point out that best practices nowadays is going after grant dollars. Councilman Murphy commented that they have a very different view of what best practices are because best practices includes collaboration which saves millions, not obtaining money from the State. He added that getting more money to pay for things that the City does not need is not best practices. Mr. Murphy stated that the City needs take steps now to regionalize and collaborate not wait until five years from now. He commented that the City is too small to sustain itself and must start doing thing differently.

Councilman Bullock commented that he found Mayor Infeld’s responses at this meeting to be insulting. Mr. Bullock stated that he intends to vote for approval of the budget because it would be irresponsible not to have a budget because the City has to be able to operate. He mentioned that he did not want to approve a “half-baked” budget, but he feels that is what it is. Mr. Bullock commented about a meeting that took place with him, Councilman Sims, the Mayor and the Finance Director last year to talk about the budget and approaches to the budget. He thought of that meeting as an opportunity to get an idea of what the City was facing and make some suggestions. However, the Mayor was not receptive to assistance in developing the budget because she felt that was an administrative function and the Council’s function was legislative. Then, at the first meeting when the budget was presented, the Mayor said that there was nothing the Council could change in the budget without impacting the services of the city. Councilman Bullock stated that he did not agree with that statement and he does not agree with it now because he has not seen anything to suggest that they looked for different approaches to achieve the same goal, which is what he believes a budget process should include. He added that it should also include those who are responsible for leading the City, that being the administration and the Council. Mr. Bullock noted that the process has been the same every year, the budget is presented at the last minute. He suggested that they should start in enough time to have a thorough process, one in which, everyone that has responsibility look at different approaches to achieve the same goals. Councilman Bullock accepted responsibility because he did not speak up and be heard. Mr. Bullock mentioned that he said he would not support any capital items unless there was a long-term plan that the purchases would fit into, but no long-term plan was presented.

Councilman Bullock stated that he was happy to hear the Mayor say to Council in reaction to the Council’s plan to hire an assistant for the Clerk of Council, that they ought to look for other ways to achieve the same goal because this to how he thinks as well, but he does not see that happening anywhere else. He understood that the Council agreed to see if there is another way of providing assistance for the Clerk of Council and he will support that. However, he will not yield on the need for a person to fill in for the Clerk of Council when she out of the office. He will revisit this issue and will make the motion when the time comes. Councilman Bullock stated that there is a serious leadership issue in this City, but he refused to be frustrated anymore.

Mayor Infeld referenced the meeting between the Finance Director, Councilman Sims, Councilman Bullock and herself. She mentioned that the meeting began with a discussion about the budget, Councilman Sims questioned the 4% increase that had been given to the union employees and as she and the Finance Director were responding, Councilman Sims got up and left. The meeting ended when Councilman Sims left.

Councilman Consolo stated that last year Council questioned the 4% increase for bargaining unit employees in the midst of bad economic conditions. He added that the Mayor told the Council she would address the issue and report back, but nothing happened. Mr. Consolo added that he and the Vice Mayor asked the Mayor to call an executive session before the budget was presented to explain the plans for the collective bargaining units for 2011-2013. He noted that the Council is being asked to pass the budget when they do not know what is happening with the majority of the workforce. Mayor Infeld noted that there was no reason for an executive session because she did not budget an increase in employees’ salaries. Councilman Consolo stated that the contracts expire in a few months and then goes forward for another three-year term. He asked what the plan is for the 2012 and 2013 budgets. Councilman Consolo stated that the negotiations should be planned out and Council would like to help in that process. Mayor Infeld mentioned that in 2008, the Council approved three-year contracts that gave increases of 3%, 3% and 4%. Councilman Consolo noted that the difference in 2008 from the present is that the Council was presented with contracts and was given the assurance that there were funds available to cover all three years. In 2008, the Council knew exactly what the contract was going to cost for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. He added that this Council has not been told what the available funds are. Mr. Consolo stated that is why he cannot in good conscience vote for the budget because he does not know what funds the Mayor plans to use for future increases. Mayor Infeld stated she heard the request for an executive session to talk about the negotiations.
Mayor Infeld mentioned that the contracts expire on June 30, 2011. She noted that it is normal to begin negotiations after a budget period has passed so she will follow the normal practices of starting negotiations after the budget passes. She understood that the Mr. Consolo was frustrated and wanted more information then he has or because she may not be giving out as much information as he would like to have. Councilman Bullock stated that the issue is giving out as much information as is needed to make an intelligent decision.

Councilwoman Pardee stated that she hears and understands the frustration and has observed what has been described. Mrs. Pardee noted that she would vote for the budget because it would be irresponsible to do otherwise. She added that what she is hearing is a plea to extend the opportunity to Council to help consider other ways to do things in the future. Mrs. Pardee stated that everyone wants to help with moving the City forward and would like to be given the opportunity to think about other ways to do this. Councilwoman Pardee stated that she believes the Mayor and Finance Director worked very hard on the budget, but Council is requesting this opportunity going forward.

Vice Mayor Goldberg stated that there are no sides (right way or wrong way) to the budget. She believes there were unanticipated expenses in the budget this year, but the residents have to come first. Vice Mayor Goldberg thinks there is an urgency for the window of opportunity and everyone on the Council wants to have input. She noted that they want to be heard, they want their ideas listened to, and they want to be respected. She added that continuing with the status quo is unacceptable. Vice Mayor Goldberg stated that a lot of hard work went into the budget, especially with the challenges encountered over the last 12 months. However, the City continues to react as opposed to being proactive. She added that instead of being innovative and cutting edge and instead of being a prototype for other cities, the City continue to be reactive instead of looking at long-term planning, long-term investment and long-term thinking. She noted that it is okay the City is receiving grants, but added that grants are only pieces of the puzzle. Vice Mayor Goldberg stated that the City needs to focus on collaboration and cooperation. She suggested focusing on one long-term regional collaboration that really makes a difference whether it be fire, service or safety. She stated that the responsibility is on all the elected officials and she believes there is a real urgency for that collaboration and cooperation, especially with the new Governor’s budget and the limited funds the City will be receiving from Local Government Funds. She added that to continue purchasing items piecemeal in order to patch together a working and efficient service department and fire department is unacceptable. Vice Mayor Goldberg stated that she will vote for this budget, but suggested that the City begin thinking outside the box and be innovative and cutting edge. She added that they also have to think of what is best for the residents in difficult financial times when people are out of work, taking furlough days, and taking forced vacations. Vice Mayor Goldberg encouraged everyone to work together and communicate with each other for the long-term benefit of the City.

Councilman Ertel stated that he will also vote for the budget. He did not have the same perspective. From his perspective, Mr. Ertel has seen the administration and Finance Director do a good job reacting to a lot of curves and large items that had to be addressed right away, and he thinks they did that. He added that the Finance Director is new and the Mayor is new and nothing is perfect. He mentioned that the process was not perfect, but he thinks they have done a good job overall. Councilman Ertel was looking forward to working with the administration once the budget passes. He thinks grants and collaboration are good, but he believes the City needs to focus on economic development and redevelopment. Councilman Ertel stated that economic development and redevelopment would give the City the best chance at increasing revenue to the City.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2011-15 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on passage, all voted “aye,” except Mr. Consolo, who voted “nay.”

D. Resolution No. 2011-16 Urging the Ohio Legislature to amend certain provisions of HB 114 to reinstate funding for the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), and Revolving Loan Program to their previous levels (2nd Reading)

Resolution No. 2011-16, which was presented on first reading on March 7, 2011, urges the Ohio Legislature to amend certain provisions of HB 114 to reinstate funding for the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), and Revolving Loan Program (RLP) to their previous levels.

Mayor Infeld noted that City Engineer Joseph Ciuni previously reported that he received word that the funding was going to be reinstated, but he urged the Council to pass the resolution anyway as a gesture of support. He also noted that since the inception of the Ohio Public Works Commission in 1988, the City of University Heights has received $5.9M in funding for various projects.
Councilman Bullock stated that the City cannot continue to operate based on outside funding. He pointed out that the City has to come up with innovative and creative ways to support itself and to be as self-sustaining as possible and not expect the State and federal governments to come to the City’s rescue. However, he mentioned that Issue 2 funds are being generated by the voter dollars.

Mayor Infeld agreed that Issue 2 funds was voted on by residents in the state and those monies were to be designated for infrastructure repairs. However, the money that people had voted on in good faith to tax themselves in order to pay for infrastructure repairs was going to be withdrawn. Additionally, Mayor Infeld noted the Revolving Loan Program that is used to fund infrastructure projects was completely self-sustaining until the money was to be taken away. She explained that under the program, loans are taken out to make infrastructure repairs. Over a period of time the money is repaid into the RLP and as that money is paid back, another community’s project can be funded. Councilman Bullock noted that the program is not self-sustaining and suggested that it would be a mistake to rely on these types of programs.

Councilman Murphy stated that he voted against the resolution at the last meeting and will vote against it again because it supports a system that is not sustainable.

**MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MS. GOLDBERG to approve the passage of Resolution No 2011-16 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on passage, all voted “aye, except Mr. Murphy, who voted “nay.”**

Mayor Infeld requested that an item be added to the agenda to enter into an agreement with a consortium of east side communities that have collectively advertised for the purchase of chlorine and other chemicals for pool operations. She noted that $12,500 has been budgeted for the purchase of chemicals for the pool. She mentioned that over $10,000 was expended last year.

**MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MS. GOLDBERG to add an item to the agenda for the purchase of chlorine and other chemicals for pool operations.**

**E. Motion to purchase chlorine and other pool chemicals for pool operations**

Service Director Robert Jamieson reported that the city participates in a consortium of ten (10) communities for the purchase of the following pool chemicals: chlorine, muriatic acid and sodium bicarbonate. He noted that the City of Mayfield Heights is the coordinating community which solicited the bids. Mr. Jamieson noted that last year the City spent $8,600 for chlorine and with the other chemicals, the expenditure totaled $10,100. Mr. Fisher stated that the motion could be made for an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $12,500 for the purchase of pool chemicals for the coming season.

**MOTION BY MS. GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to purchase chlorine and other pool chemicals in an amount not to exceed $12,500. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

**F. Motion to authorize repairs to Refuse Truck #21-5**

Mr. Jamieson reported that repairs to refuse truck #21-5 are required due to a major oil leak and several minor oil leaks in the engine. He noted that repairing the 1996 packer truck would extend the life of the truck for four or five more years. Due to the magnitude of the job, he decided to send the truck out for repairs. Mr. Jamieson noted that three estimates were received ranging in price from $4,716.90 to $8,579.12. The lowest estimate from E.A.B. Truck Service was deemed unacceptable because the price did not include parts which would increase the price above the second lowest estimate. Therefore, Mr. Jamieson recommended that the repairs be awarded to American Fleet Services, in the amount of $5,616.61, as the lowest and best quote. He noted that the funds are available in the 2011 vehicle maintenance budget and the repairs will take two to three weeks to complete. Mr. Jamieson stated that it is imperative that the truck be repaired as it will be needed during yard waste cleanup season.

Councilman Murphy inquired as to how much a new truck would cost. Mr. Jamieson replied that a new refuse truck would range from $120,000 to $200,000. He noted that currently there are two (2) 2007 refuse packer trucks in the fleet and four (4) trucks that are in fair condition, but will need attention in coming years. Mr. Jamieson stated that it would be nice to have newer trucks, but he noted that purchasing the right used truck could be cost effective for the City. Vice Mayor Goldberg asked if an effort has been made to look for another used refuse truck. Mr. Jamieson responded that he has contacted five (5) communities that have frequent fleet rotation and private vendors who rehabilitate refuse trucks to make them aware that the City would be interested in purchasing used trucks as they become available.
Councilman Murphy commented that residents of University Heights pay some of the highest taxes in the state, but the City is forced to purchase used equipment. Mr. Murphy stated that he will vote in favor of the repairs because the truck is needed in the fleet. However, he noted that a time will soon come when the City will not be able to afford a truck. Councilman Murphy stated that there is a better way to operate and if the City does not change the way it thinks, it will not end well.

Vice Mayor Goldberg commented that there is a frustration level relative to purchasing used equipment because it is a reactive purchase not a proactive long-term investment. Mr. Jamieson stated that the most important aspect is that the residents’ garbage is collected, and he will try to run the department as cost efficiently as possible given the limitations of the budget.

Councilman Ertel mentioned that he will be holding Service and Utilities Committee meetings starting at the end of the month to look specifically at the rubbish study.

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MR. BULLOCK to authorize repairs to Refuse Truck #21-5 by American Fleet Services, in the amount of $5,616.61. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

G. 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. BULLOCK, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to hold an executive session immediately following this regular meeting for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Directors’ Reports:

Chief of Police Gary Stehlik reported that the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement (EDGE) Agency Agreement was signed by all five cities (University Heights, South Euclid, Shaker Heights, Euclid and Beachwood) on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 for the interchange of services. Mayor Infeld noted that the cooperative will begin with sharing SWAT Team operations.

Fire Chief John Pitchler reported that the City is now in possession of the new fire truck. It will be put in service the first or second week of May after the truck is equipped and the firefighters have been trained on the new equipment.

Service Director Robert Jamieson reported that crews have begun patching potholes, brush collection is continuing and leaf collection will start shortly.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee Chairman Frankie B. Goldberg reported that the Building Committee will meet on March 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Susan D. Pardee reported that the Work Session/Retreat was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. She thanked the Mayor and Council members for attending. Mrs. Pardee noted that they had real dialogue with exceptional input and discussion about priorities for the future. The priorities and timetables as presented in the facilitator’s report included:

1. **Shared Resources Regionalism** with neighbors data submission by Mayor and Mayor/Council discussion meeting will take place shortly after April 15, 2011.

2. **Economic Development Commission** prestigious group will be appointed by Mayor and first meeting scheduled by June 15, 2011.

3. **Technology** city wide improvements and plans will be shared by Mayor with the City Council at a convenient date in the not too distant future.

4. **Quality of Life** as viewed by citizens in the JCU survey will be shared by Mayor with the City Council as soon as the results are in and analyzed by JCU.

5. **Quality of Life - Housing**. The City Council will establish and appoint members to this committee at a convenient date in the not too distant future.
6. Communication and Dialogue between Mayor and Council in an “inclusive and heads-up” manner will begin with the Citizens Survey results and continue afterward with other significant city issues. This communication may take the form of expanded briefings in the Mayor’s Friday notice to Council and at special called work sessions.”

Councilwoman Pardee stated that there will be follow-up and everyone will be kept apprised of the actions to be taken.

Recreation Committee Chairman Kevin Patrick Murphy reported that the Recreation Committee meeting has been rescheduled for May 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Under the Safety Committee, Mayor Infeld referred review of the code section regarding fireworks to the Safety Committee. Committee Chairman Steven D. Bullock stated that he will schedule a meeting in April to consider the fireworks provisions.

Service and Utilities Committee Chairman Phillip Ertel reported that the committee will meet for a series of three (3) meetings to review the Rubbish Study. All three meetings will be held a 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on the following dates: Tuesday, March 29, 2011; Tuesday, April 5, 2011; and Tuesday, April 12, 2011. He invited all members of Council to attend the meetings.

Mayor Infeld reported that the City has a proposal from David B. Hartt of D.B. Hartt, Inc. for a review of the City’s Planning and Zoning Code. She suggested that the Council engage the services of Mr. Hartt to begin a review of the Planning and Zoning Code since funds have been allocated in the 2011 budget for this purpose. She noted that it would be two-year study with many public hearings. Mayor Infeld recommended that a Council Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011 to discuss the matter.

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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Susan K. Infeld, Mayor

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Nancy E. English, Clerk of Council