

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
MARCH 4, 2013

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

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

 Absent: Mrs. Frankie Goldberg

 Also Present: Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas
 Finance Director Larry Heiser
 Engineer Joseph Ciuni
 Chief of Police Steven Hammett
 Fire Chief Brian Phan
 Building Commissioner David Menn
 Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny

MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Goldberg. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2013

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the minutes from February 19, 2013 as presented. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Comments from the Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

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

Mayor Infeld reported that the letter she wrote to the community in regards to the fire service consolidation analysis and time line for the City of University Heights is posted on the City's website. The letter gave a brief analysis and time line of the City's consideration of combining its fire services with those of Shaker Heights. Mayor Infeld also reported that the March newsletter has been distributed to residents earlier than usual so that they can complete the school board's survey on school facilities before the deadline.

Mayor Infeld announced that the Committee that will decided the use of the former Fuchs Mizrahi/Northwood School property will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm in Council Chambers.

Cuyahoga County saved money by being more efficient in their process of reappraising property. In turn the county refunded money to the school districts and municipality in Cuyahoga County, University Heights received \$7,900.00.

Agenda Items:

A. Presentation to Beaumont Volleyball Team ~ State Champions

Mayor Infeld announced that Beaumont's Volleyball Team was the 2012 Division 2 State Champions. Mayor Infeld introduced of Beaumont's President Sister Gretchen Rodenfels, Principal Mary Whelan, Athletic Director Sister Erin Zubal and present team members. After which Mayor Infeld read and presented certificates to the team members, coaches and support staff.

B. Ordinance No. 2013-07 Transfer of Funds

Finance Director Larry Heiser explained that Ordinance 2013-07 transfers monies out of the General Fund to other various Funds; \$25,000 to the Street Lighting Fund, \$265,000 to the Debt Service Fund, \$150,000 to the Police Pension Fund and \$190,000 to the Fire Pension Fund.

MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2013-07. On roll call, all voted "aye."

C. Ordinance No. 2013-09 Issuance and Sale of Bonds (Emergency)

Mr. Heiser informed Council that Ordinance 2013-09 is on an emergency basis for approval so that the City can lock in the rate as opposed to continuing to rollover the bonds yearly. Mr. Heiser explained that this year the closing cost would be \$32,000 for the 10 year period as opposed to last year's closing cost of \$11,898.75 which would be paid yearly for the next 10 years. In summary by locking in the rate the city will have a savings over the 10 year time period.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to approve the passage of Ordinance No. 2013-09 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye". On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye".

D. Ordinance No. 2013-10 Community Block Grant - Lansdale Streetscape Improvement

Mayor Infeld requested a motion to remove this item from the agenda until a later date.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to remove Ordinance No. 2013-10 from the agenda. On roll call, all voted "aye."

E. Motion to award bid for 2013 Catch Basin Cleaning and Sewer T.V. Program

City Engineer Joe Ciuni reported that bids were received and opened on February 28, 2013 for the 2013 Catch Basin Cleaning and Sewer T.V. program. Bids were received from AAA Flexible Pipe and from Nerone & Sons. Mr. Ciuni recommended AAA Flexible Pipe as the lowest and best bid of \$179,285.00.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to award the 2013 Catch Basin Cleaning and Sewer T.V. Program to AAA Flexible Pipe in the amount of \$179,285.00. On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye".

F. Motion to solicit bids for Stump Grinding

Service Director Jeff Pokorny explained that this coincides with the tree removal contracts which were previously awarded. Mr. Pokorny stated that it is less costly to have a separate program/contract for the tree stump removal, then to have had it be a part of the tree removal contract.

Further discussion ensued in regards to the planting and removal of trees. The Service Director will provide to council a detailed report on the city's tree program.

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the passage of Resolution No. 2013-08 as an emergency measure. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye". On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye".

G. Motion to solicit bids for Tree Planting

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to advertise for tree planting. On roll call, all voted "aye."

H. Motion to approve Annual Tip Fee charge by JJAK Mulch Service for Yard Waste Composting

Mr. Pokorny explained that the yard waste compost consist of; the leaves collected in the fall, leaf lawn kraft bags, Christmas trees and branches. It also includes and collection of leaves and branches from storm collections.

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the payment to JJAK Mulch for the annual tip fee charge for yard waste composting. On roll call, all voted "aye."

I. Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Police Vehicles

Police Chief Hammett requested permission to replace 2 vehicles (one marked vehicle and one unmarked). Both vehicles will be purchased through the State Purchased program with a cost of approximately \$51,918.20 for both vehicles along with additional cost to outfit the marked vehicle.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to approve the purchase of two (2) new police vehicles. On roll call, all voted "aye."

J. 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:

Finance Director Larry Heiser reported that the Plain Dealer had an article about House Bill 5.

Law Director Anthony Coyne announced that he spoke with David Hartt in regards to the modification of the Zoning portion of the Codified Ordinance Book. Mr. Coyne also noted that he received a letter from Dominion East Ohio Gas stating that they are installing automated adjustment mechanism in homes with an additional fee add to the monthly billing for approximately .38cent - .42cent per customer per month. The Managing Director for State and Local affairs is Mr. Robert Varley.

Police Chief Steve Hammett reminded everyone that the 6 month texting ban grace period ended and now according to the State of Ohio for adults texting is a secondary offense and for juvenile drivers it is a primary offense, unless you are in a city such as Beachwood and South Euclid where it is a primary offense. Chief Hammett reported Representatives from Ohio voted to pass the Violence Against Women Act which will make it easier to investigate assaults on college campuses. Finally Chief Hammett stated his request to have the Safety Committee review the city's policy on overnight parking. The current policy is difficult for officers to enforce without marking tires because it allows persons to park for an one hour in that time frame of 2am - 5am. Chief Hammett would like the Ordinance to prohibit any parking between the hours of 2am - 5am without prior permission from the Police Department.

Fire Chief Brian Phan reported that department has begun to researching vendors for replacement of the 2000 ambulance.

Building Commissioner David Menn reported that at the Building Committee meeting he distributed information summarizing the inspections, permits, monies taken in, etc by the Building Department for the year 2012.

Service Director Jeff Pokorny reported that First Energy started trimming trees away from the power lines in the back yards. Davey Tree Service is performing the trimming. Mr. Pokorny reminded everyone that the city's annual free shedding and hazardous materials (no latex paint or tires) collection event will be occur on Saturday, March 9 (9am - 1pm) and on Friday, March 8 for residents who are unable to participate on Saturday.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee Chairman Mrs. Zucker referred to Building Commissioner Menn who reported that the building inspectors will be conducting exteriors inspections this year for both residential and commercial. Mr. Menn noted that he would provide the Mayor and Council with a list of the affect streets.

Civic Information Committee Chairman Susan Pardee reported that the civic information committee is in the process of scheduling a meeting in either the end of March or early April to give updates on Senior Transportation Connection, continued information on Senior Services and discussion with neighboring


communities, talking with a Realtor on ways to promote the city and update on the Technology Advisory Committee.

Finance Committee Chairman Mark Wiseman thank Mr. Heiser for his work with the Bond Issue.


Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Phillip Ertel reported that the Cleveland Heights/University Heights Lay Facilities Committee will have a meeting on Wed., March 3 at Canterbury Elementary School.

Service and Utilities Committee Chairman Steven Sims noted he would like to schedule a meeting near the end of April.

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



Susan K. Infeld, Mayor



Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council