MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS MAY 20, 2013

Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:46 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

Assistant Law Director James A. Budzik

Chief of Police Steven Hammett Interim Fire Chief Brian Phan Building Commissioner David Menn

City Engineer Joseph Ciuni

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2013

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the minutes from May 6, 2013 as presented. On roll call, all voted "aye."

Comments from the Audience

Gloria Griffin of 2307 Scholl Road informed Mayor Infeld, members of City Council as well as the Police and Fire Department of an incident she is experiencing with the Cleveland Heights Police Department and her intent to file a wrongful action suit against the Cleveland Heights Police Department as well as Gibbs Restaurant and Lounge located at Severance Town Center.

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

Mayor Infeld made the following report:

- 1. Recreation passes are being sold at the swimming pool Monday Friday between 12pm and 6pm. Once the pool begins the regular summer season, passes can be purchased anytime the pool is opened.
- 2. The May newsletter has been delivered to homes. The Memorial Day Parade Speaker is Bishop Neal Buckon. Bishop Buckon grew up in University Heights, a Army Veteran, a Catholic Bishop in charge of the Western half of the United States Military. Mayor Infeld encouraged everyone to come out to watch the Parade and attend the program and festivities at John Carroll after the parade.

Agenda Items:

A. Ordinance 2013-22 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to Police Pension Fund (601) and Fire Pension Fund (602)

Councilman Wiseman stated that these transfers are done semi-annually every six (6) months.

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to approve the passage of Ordinance 2013-22 authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Police Fund (601) and Fire Pension Fund (602). On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye."

B. Ordinance 2013-23 Authorizing Ordinance 2011-99 to be Changed from Advances to Transfers Regarding Funds 220 (County Mep Energy Audit) and 221 (NOPEC Grant) Funds.

Mayor Infeld noted that these transfers were recommended by the State Auditor's office.

Ordinance 2013-23 was placed on first reading.

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C. Ordinance 2013-24 Awarding the bid for the 2013 Fenwood Road and Channing Road Waterline Replacement (on emergency)

Mr. Ciuni, City Engineer reported that bids for the waterline replacement project were opened on May 10, 2013. The program is funded by the Cleveland Water Department to replace the waterlines within the City, this year the project is for Fenwood and Channing Roads. Three (3) bids were received and the lowest bid submitted was from Monte Construction Company. Mr. Ciuni stated that Monte Construction Company has done other projects in the city and recommended entering into a contract with Monte Construction Company in the amount of \$1,020,652.60. Mr. Ciuni also noted that the \$1,020,652.60 is reimbursable by the Cleveland Water Department. Once the bid is awarded a letter and invoice is submitted to the City of Cleveland and the reimbursement should be received within a month.

Councilman Sims asked if language was added to the city's solicitation for bids to encourage the participation and for the inclusion of women and minority on contracts. Mr. Ciuni replied that the previous Law Director Kenneth Fisher had added that language as a standard bases to both the legal notices and contracts.

Mr. Sims questioned if Mr. Ciuni knew if any minority or women participation is the case with the contract for this project. Mr. Ciuni answered that to his knowledge Monte Construction's sub-contractors are Utilicon Corp. and Chagrin Valley Paving, neither company is a SBE or Women owned businesses.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG to approve the passage of Ordinance 2013-24 awarding the bid for the 2013 Fenwood and Channing Road Waterline Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$1,020,652.60 to Monte Construction Company as the lowest and best bidder and declaring an Emergency. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye." On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye," except Mr. Sims who "passed."

D. Ordinance No. 2013-25 Awarding the bid for the 2013 Purvis Park Tennis Court Rehabilitation (on Emergency).

City Engineer Mr. Ciuni reported that the service department is in the process of replacing some of the net post on the tennis courts and that the contract with Industrial Surface Sealer is for the crack sealing and color coding re-striping of all the seven (7) tennis courts. The work will be done on three (3) courts then on four (4) courts so that there will always be courts available for residents to use during the repair timeframe. The work will be done either before the camps start or between the two camp sessions. The city will have maximum court usage during the camps. Mr. Ciuni stated that Industrial Surface Sealer, Inc. submitted the low bid. Three (3) contractors were present for the walk through pre-bid meeting but the other two (2) choose not to bid for unknown reasons. Mr. Ciuni reported that according to Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny the bid amount was within the budgeted amount. Mr. Ciuni recommended awarding the contract to Industrial Surface Sealer, Inc. and noted that Industrial Surface was awarded the crack sealing project the last time it was done.

Councilman Ertel questioned if the tennis courts would respond to another rehabilitation job after this or if the City should begin to plan a major rebuilding of the tennis courts into the budget.

Mr. Ciuni responded that in his opinion the tennis courts should be totally reconstructed. They were built in the 1960's and no real work has been to the courts besides the resurfacing, crack sealing and color coding. The courts need more drainage underneath; if the City could budget the reconstruction within the next three to five years would be good if not sooner.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MRS. ZUCKER to approve the passage Ordinance No. 2013-25 authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Industrial Surface Sealer, Inc., for the Purvis Park Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project in the City of University Heights in an amount not to exceed \$74,495.00 and declaring an Emergency. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye."

E. Ordinance No. 2013-26 Code Red (reverse 911) (1st reading)

Mayor Infeld reported the City's reverse 911 system has been inoperable for a while. The proposed system is also used by the surround cities and is internet based.

Ordinance No. 2013-26 was placed on first reading.

Presentation of awards and recognition to several members of the University Heights Fire Department.

Mayor Infeld introduced Mr. Dan Ellenberger of University Hospital's Medical Control Division. University Hospital is the hospital system that provides medical guidance to the firefighters in their paramedic duties. The following paramedics were recognized for their effort in saving the life of Mrs. Reeves, a University Heights resident; Caleb Schuster, Douglas Robinson, Brandon Hope, Kevin Vonhaz, Randy Witczak, Robert Perko and Chief Brian Phan.

Mr. Dan Ellenberger, Director of Emergency Services and Dr. Kyle Baker, Director Intervental Cardiology. Mr. Ellenberger spoke of a 911 emergency in which University Heights' paramedics were instrumental in saving a residents life. Mr. Ellenberger also talked briefly about a program called "Take Heart Ohio – Take Heart America" which promotes a program in effort in bringing doctors, nurses, paramedics, community leaders and people together to dramatically increase the number of people who survive cardiac arrest. In 2012 the University Heights Fire Department trained 14,000 people in CRP. Advance ALS (advance life support) care is also vital.

Mrs. Reeves was present along with her daughter and other family member to express their sincere gratitude to those responsible for saving her life.

Mayor Infeld stated that she was pleased that Mrs. Reeves was able to be present to recognize the members of the fire department. Mayor Infeld express that the city is proud of the city's firemen, ems, paramedics and Lt. Randy Witczak who serves as the coordinator for paramedic training. Mayor Infeld also noted that the public should never question anything just call 911, the police department as well as the fire department will respond that is what the resident's tax dollars are for.

Before presenting the awards Dr. Baker spoke on how vital it is for the paramedic to do their job before the patient gets to the emergency, otherwise no hospital can do their job.

Interim Fire Chief Phan stated he was happy Mrs. Reeves is with us and was very proud of the fire department

F. Motion to hold an executive session immediately following this regular meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal matters.

Mayor Infeld stated the need to have an executive session for personnel and legal matters.

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

Directors' Reports:

Law Director Assistant Law Director James Budzik reported that the law office and Service Director Jeff Pokorny are reviewing the new contracts from the Cleveland Water Department and the Northeast Ohio Sewer District.

Fire Chief Brian Phan reported they are still training in the vacant Fuchs Mizarachi Building. The department was also able to train in a two level search and rescue trailer that the State of Ohio brought in. Councilman Sims asked about the CRP training and recommended that Council be informed when it occurs again so they can participate in the training.

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Police Chief Steve Hammett reported that the police department has also been training in the Fuchs Mizarachi Building. Councilman Sims asked about the no electronic devices while driving signs that are to posted throughout the city. Chief Hammett responded that police department will not cite anyone until the signs are posted; currently officers are only issuing warnings. Chief Hammett noted that the grace period began thirty (30) days after the ordinance pass and that citation would not be issued until mid/late July 2013. The signs were ordered immediately after the Ordinance passes but it usually can take from two (2) week up to six (6) weeks, depending on demand for them and will be posted immediately. The signs will be identical to those in Beachwood.

City Engineer Joseph Ciuni reported that the street paving project is a joint project with Shaker Heights and scheduled to start in University Heights on May 28, 2013 and completed by July 4, 2013. Mayor Infeld stated that the city newsletter list the five (5) streets to be resurfaced.

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee Chairwoman Pamela Cameron informed Mayor Infeld she wanted to discuss the "pocket parks and bike routes". Mayor Infeld briefly explained that the "pocket parks" was for the development of the green spaces that were left once some of the houses that were in severe conditions in University Heights were demolished by the Landbank. In regards to the bike routes the City was approached by the County to have a bike route but the only boulevard space is South Belvoir and there would need to be more feedback from the community before that could happen.

Safety Committee Chairwoman Frankie Goldberg stated the Safety Committee met just prior to this council meeting to discuss having ice cream trucks in the city. The committee, along with Police Chief Steve Hammett reviewed three (3) ordinances; 668.02 – prohibiting the selling of goods on the public sidewalk (July 6, 1953), 648.14(b) – no sound can come from motor vehicle, radio music (June 17, 1996) and 804.01(c1)(d) – restrictions with regards to advertising on tops of vehicles and also loud speakers. The committee reviewed the safety and regulatory concerns i.e. regulating the ice cream trucks, quality of the product, number of truck, vehicle maintenance, safety concerns for children running in and out of the street, regulating who the vendors are, and setting a precedence for other business to come in, etc. Vice Mayor Goldberg said that it was with a heavy heart but looking at the cost benefit analysis, nostalgia home-style flavor verses the safety and regulatory concerns the Safety Committee recommends not bringing ice cream trucks into University Heights.

Mayor Infeld mentioned that the city provides free Ice Cream at several of the summer band concerts and that they are listed in the recreation brochure.

Vice Mayor recommended the city hold an ice cream social in honor of the Fire Department and Mrs. Reeves.

Service and Utilities Chairman Steven Sims stated there will be Services and Utilities Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00pm.

Mayor Infeld noted that the meeting with Reaching Heights will be on Monday, June 3 at 6:15pm.

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

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

Susan K. Infeld, Mayor

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council