

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS  
MAY 6, 2013**

**Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.**

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

**Absence: Mrs. Susan D. Pardee**

**Also Present: Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas  
Law Director Anthony J. Coyne  
Finance Director Larry Heiser  
Chief of Police Steven Hammett  
Interim Fire Chief Brian Phan  
Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny**

Pledge of Allegiance

**MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. GOLDBERG to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Pardee. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

Minutes of the meeting held on April 15, 2013

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to approve the minutes from April 15, 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 made the following report:

1. The Cleveland Heights/University Heights School District is sponsoring a Walk and Bike to school day on Wednesday, May 8 to promote healthy living habits.
2. The 2013 Recreation Booklet has been mailed to resident and is also available in the front lobby of City Hall.
3. The Heights Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual Business Expo at the Hilton Gardens 700 Beta Drive in Mayfield Village on Thurs., May, 9 from 3pm – 7pm. The Expo is an excellent way to learn about local businesses and is free of charge.
4. The Cleveland Water Department is offering tours of its water plants next week on Saturday, May 10 from 10am until 3pm at Baldwin Water Works, 11216 Stokes Blvd. in Cleveland, and at Crown Water Works, 955 Clague Road in Westlake.

Agenda Items:

**A. Certificate presentation to Gesu students for Destination Imagination and Future Problem Solving International Competition**

Mayor Infeld read certificates honoring Gesu’s “Elite Improv Force” team for receiving second place in the Destination Imagination International Competition at the University of Tennessee and to Grace DeCicco for receiving first place in the Future Problem Solvers State competition at Indiana University. Certificates were also presented to their coaches Marjorie Gessner and Regan Kazel.

**B. Resolution 2013-21 Authorizing Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Office of Contracts, to Purchase Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) for the 2013-2014 Winter Season and Declaring an Emergency.**

Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny explained that the contract is for the purchasing of Rock Salt for the 2013-14 Winter Season. Last year the city paid \$34.02 per ton and the city uses approximately 3,000 tons per year. The agreement is for 2,000 tons which requires the purchase of at least 80% with the ability to go up to 120% if needed. Mr. Pokorny will not know what the cost will be for the 2013-14 season until the bids are received by ODOT. Mr. Pokorny remarked that he believed the prices should remain fairly stable and increase by only a small percentage.

**MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-21 Authorizing Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Office of Contracts, to Purchase Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) for the 2013-2014 Winter Season and Declaring an Emergency. On roll call, on suspension of rules, all voted "aye." On roll call, on passage, all voted "aye."**

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

Ordinance 2013-22 was placed on first reading.

**D. Motion to Authorize Mayor to Purchase Two 20-Ton Vehicle Wheel Lifts for Service Department.**

Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny stated that the purchase of the lift will improve the safety of the City employees working on the fleet of vehicles and trucks the city uses including the larger vehicles. The lifts will allow for repairs to be easier and to be done in a timelier timeframe.

**MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to authorize Mayor Infeld to Purchase (2) two 20ton Vehicle Wheel Lifts for the Service Department. On roll call, all voted "aye."**

**E. Motion to hold an executive session immediately following this regular meeting for the purpose of discussing legal matters.**

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

**MOTION BY MRS. ZUCKER, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN 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:

**Finance Director** Larry Heiser reported that the post audit report will be presented in executive session at the Council of the Whole Committee meeting on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Council will go into executive session immediately after roll call.

**Law Director** Anthony Coyne reported that his office is working on the Code Red (reverse 911) Ordinance and the contract for the 2013 road resurfacing program with Karvo Paving.

**Fire Chief** Brian Phan reported Training Officer Lt. Robert Perko has scheduled various training sessions for the Fire Department in the vacant Fuchs Mizarachi Building until the end of May. At the end of May Tri-C (Cuyahoga Community College) will conduct a fire fighters safety and survival course training for the department.

**Service Director** Jeffrey Pokorny reported that the city's month long clean-up program has ended and now residents are to bundle and bag their brush. If residents want their yard debris recycled they are to place their brown kraft bags filled with leaves, brush etc. on the treelawn for collection. All brush is to be cut and bundled in sizes less than 4' and 50lbs. Mr. Pokorny also reported that the tree program contract is going well with only approximately 10 trees out of 120 trees left to plant.

Committee Reports:

**Governmental Affairs Committee** Chairman Phillip Ertel reported that he attended the last School Lay Facilities meeting and the final draft recommendation report is ready for presentation to the school board. The report recommended that Gearity remains as the elementary school for University Heights with Wiley serving as the swing space. The swing space would serve as a replacement facility/building as buildings are being demolished. The School Board building would also stay in University Heights. Councilman Ertel made note that the school board is under no obligation to accept the Lay Facilities recommendations. The project would take place in two (2) phases. Phase one would be the Middle Schools and High School. Phase two would be the Elementary Schools. Phase two could be as far away as (7) seven years. Councilman Ertel noted that there will be a capital improvement tax levy on the November ballot for 6.46mils.

Councilman Wiseman asked if the Lay Facilities Committee discussed what would happen if only a part of the financing is approved by the residents.

Councilwoman Cameron added that the School Board has to provide the overall plan to the State of Ohio for their approval in order to receive the matching funds that the State has available.

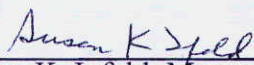
Vice Mayor Goldberg questioned if the School Board could make a presentation at a council meeting.


Mayor Infeld replied that it would be more effective to have the School Board make a presentation once they approve and finalize the final plan. Mayor Infeld thanked both Councilman Ertel and Councilwoman Cameron for giving up their time to attend the School Lay Facilities meetings to represent the interest of University Heights.

**Safety Committee** Chairwoman Frankie Goldberg stated she plans to hold a Safety Committee before the next council meeting on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to review ice cream trucks.

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

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to adjourn.  
On roll call, all voted "aye".**

  
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Susan K. Infeld, Mayor

  
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Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council