

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

**Also Present: Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas
Finance Director Larry Heiser
Assistant Law Director James A. Budzik
Chief of Police Steven Hammett
Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny**

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the meeting held on September 3, 2013

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG to approve the minutes from September 3, 2013 as presented with the amended names of those in attendance. On roll call, all voted "aye."

Comments from the Audience

Lt. Dave Hollo, Treasurer for the Local Firefighters 974 gave a brief update on the University Heights Fire Department. 1) the department responded to an active house fire on Silsby Road, there were no injuries; 2) reported that the department continues to be committed to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) with various campaigns i.e. summer camp, fill the boot campaign (all funds help local needs). Lt. Hollo thanked the community and fire fighters for helping the 2013 "Fill the Boot Campaign" thus far \$4,676 been collected, exceeding last year's amount by @ \$1,000; 3) the Fire Department has completed their round of active training in various City owed properties i.e., the vacant Fuchs Mizarachi School building and the vacant City house on Silsby Road; and 4) Lt. Hollo gave a brief overview on the daily schedule and training schedule (8am – 5pm) of the fire fighters outside of handling emergency calls.

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

Mayor Infeld also spoke about the house fire at 3901 Silsby Road. Mayor Infeld reported that in addition to the University Heights Fire Department, Police Chief Steve Hammett and patrol officers from University Heights were also on the scene as well as the Shaker Heights, South Euclid and Cleveland Heights Fire Departments. Mayor Infeld reported that there was structural damage but no injuries. The house was secured with boards and is under the standard fire investigation process.

Agenda Items:

- A. Ordinance No. 2013-38 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to Capital Improvements Fund (401), Street Maintenance Fund (201), Police Pension Fund (601), Fire Pension Fund (602) and Transfer from Municipal Energy Grant Fund (219) to the General Fund (101) (on 2nd reading)**

Mr. Wiseman read for the record the transfer funds and amounts.

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG to approve the passage of Ordinance 2013-38 to transfer funds from the General Fund to Capital Improvements Fund (401), Street Maintenance Fund (201), Police Pension Fund (601), Fire Pension Fund (602) and Transfer from Municipal Energy Grant Fund (219) to the General Fund (101). On roll call, all voted "aye."

B. Resolution No 2013-44 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer (on 2nd reading)

Finance Director Larry Heiser noted that Resolution 2013-44 is part of the current City's Tax Budget that was presented and approved by Council in June 2013.

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to approve the passage of Resolution No 2013-44 accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer. On roll call, all voted "aye."

C. Ordinance No. 2013-47 Amending Ordinance 2013-04 and 2013-27, for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of University Heights, Ohio, for the Period Commencing January 1, 2013 and Ending December 31, 2013 (on 1st reading)

Police Chief Hammett explained the City received \$64,883.83 from a Federal Investigation case. Chief Hammett also noted that there are very strict guidelines in how the City can use the monies. The monies are to be specifically used for police equipment and training needs.

Chief Hammett stated that currently he would like to use a portion of the monies to purchase a voice stressed analyzer and surveillance equipment (plus the training for two (2) detectives).

Finance Director Larry Heiser explained that the City received \$64,883.83 but is currently only budgeting \$15,000.00. The monies will also be budgeted for 2014 and the remaining monies after 2014 will be budgeted over a 3-4 year time period.

Ordinance 2013-47 was placed on first reading.

D. Resolution No. 2013-48 Keeping Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes

Mayor Infeld reported that keeping Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes has been a topic of discussion in the Midwest / Great Lakes Region. Resolution 2013-48 states University Heights' position of keeping the Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes so that the fresh water eco system in the United States won't change. Mayor Infeld also noted that Resolutions of support keeping Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes have been passed by many other communities in Ohio and other Great Lake States.

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to adopt Resolution No. 2013-48 keeping Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes. On roll call, all voted "aye."

E. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to purchase one (1) Stryker Cot Model 6506

Mr. Heiser stated that this will allow the City to purchase a second Stryker cot. In summary the City will have a total of two (2) Stryker cots and one (1) Stryker load system.

Mayor Infeld explained that the City's current ambulances are built on a car/van chassis and are unable to handle the weight the Stryker load system. The new ambulance that the City purchased is built on a truck chassis and will be outfitted with the new load system and one of the cots. The second cot will be used in one of the current ambulances without the load system.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR GOLDBERG to purchase one (1) Stryker Cot Model 6506 for \$15,700.00. On roll call, all voted "aye."

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

There was no need to have an executive session.

Directors' Reports:

Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny reminded everyone that curbside leaf collection is scheduled to begin on October 15th until that time residents are asked to bag their lawn/leaf debris.

Mr. Pokorny also gave an update for the City's Engineer Department. Monte Construction is continuing its work on the watermain project. Fenwood Road is on the new watermain, the trenches have been filled and the road base is currently being filled with concrete. The asphalt will be laid to complete the restoration of the trench. The watermain project on Channing Road is almost complete and most homes are on the new watermain.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee Chairman Adele Zucker reported that the Building Committee will meet on September 24th at 7pm.

There were no other committee reports.

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

