Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:  Mrs. Susan Pardee  
Mr. Mark Wiseman  
Mr. Steven Sims  
Mr. John Rach  
Mrs. Pamela Cameron  
Mr. Phillip Ertel  
Mrs. Michele Weiss  

Also Present:  Law Director Luke F. McConville  
Finance Director Larry Heiser  
Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas  
Police Chief Steven Hammett  
Fire Chief Douglas Zook  
Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny  
City Engineer Joseph Ciuni  
Building Commissioner Eric Tuck-Macalla  
Community Development Coordinator Patrick Grogan  

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2016

On page 2 Mrs. Weiss corrected the paragraph under item “B” by asked that the words “off the table” be added before the last sentence that reads “Motion failed due to the lack of a second.”

Also on page 2 Mrs. Pardee corrected the spelling of Mrs. Queen first name to read Kari.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to approve the Council Minutes from February 15, 2016 as presented and corrected. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Comments from Audience

There were no audience comments.

Mayor’s Report to Community

- The March newsletter is out featuring articles about the paper shedding on Friday, March 11 (8am – 4pm) and Saturday, March 12 (9am – 1pm), clocks changing forward with daylight savings time and also lists the “Beautiful Home Awards” recipients.
- There will be a Board of Zoning meeting on Wednesday, March 9 at 8am.
- The second Q and A sessions with residents will be held by Mayor Infeld will be on Wednesday evening, March 9 at 7pm.
- The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, March 10 at 7pm regarding the Library request for variances for their expansion and renovations.
- On March 10 the Ohio EPA will be hosting a public hearing regarding the topic of dredging the Cuyahoga County River. The EPA will accept written comments via email or regular mail.

Agenda Item:

A. Presentation from Shelly Callahan, Paychex Company regarding processing the payroll for the City.
Mr. Heiser reported that Mrs. Callahan had a death in her family and was not able to attend the meeting.

This item will be carried over to the next Council meeting.

B. Ordinance 2016-04 Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2014-03 by updating Annual Compensation Rate of Specified Employees (take off table and passage)

MOTIONED BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to take Ordinance 2016-04 Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2014-03 by updating Annual Compensation Rate of Specified Employees off the table. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

The floor was then opened for discussion of Ordinance 2016-04

Mrs. Pardee commented that there had been a lot of discussion about this Ordinance and as the Mayor pointed out it has been on the agenda for at least a month and has come back a few times. Mrs. Pardee wanted to make it very clear that Council’s discussion had nothing to do with any one particular position or person. Council is proud of and supports its Directors. The discussion Council had was around understanding exactly what they were talking about, looking at the salary ranges and considering the history. Especially since at different times Council had salaries brought before them in Ordinance form with specific dollar amounts attached and at other times ranges were brought forward. Council wants to exercise its due diligence; look at the Ordinance carefully, fit it together with the budget that was passed in December and to think about it very carefully. Council was doing what they do best and what they are charged with doing, exercising due diligence. Mrs. Pardee continued to say that again this had nothing to do with the City’s actual Directors, the position or any person because Council is proud of the Directors.

MOTIONED BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to take Ordinance 2016-04 Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2014-03 by updating Annual Compensation Rate of Specified Employees off the table. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Mayor Infeld noted that Council has before them a Compensation Ordinance that is updated bi-annually during Council’s election years and stated that the Ordinance specifies the rates of compensation in a range for the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Service Director, Senior Services Manager, Building Commissioner, Council Clerk, Finance Director, Parks Director, Aquatics Director and Community Development Coordinator. Other City employees (the majority) are subject to union contracts and their compensation is dictated in that way. Besides those employees there is a very small number of employees in administrative positions in a couple of departments who have already received a 2% salary increase this year to match what the union employees in Police and Fire received.

Mrs. Weiss asked and suggested that language be added to the Ordinance that states that if there are any changes in salaries that it be communicated to Council after the fact; so that when the budgeting process comes around Council knows that there are changes in certain salaries. And give the example of when the Mayor mentioned if a Director were to get an employment offer from somewhere else, she would like to be able to make some sort of counter offer in need be to retain that employee.

Mayor Infeld replied that Council would know because they receive the exact figures during the budgeting process and noted that Mrs. Weiss misunderstood her comments. Mayor Infeld stated that the Ordinance was setup with ranges so that there would be room within a salary range for employee compensation. Mayor Infeld noted that she merely provided a example which has never happened in the past and added that there hasn’t been a situation where she’s given a someone a raise because they had a job offer somewhere else.

Mr. Sims stated he supported the idea of salary ranges. And, in line with Mrs. Weiss’s comments, Mr. Sims offered that the Ordinance be amended adding language of this sort “the Mayor will advise Council of changes in the salaries of the aforementioned positions.” It is important that if the salaries of any of the listed individuals are changed that Council would be notified at its regular meeting of what those changes are.

Mr. McConville replied that Mr. Sims comment could be inserted

Mayor Infeld asked Mrs. Weiss what benefit would that serve the Council; for Council to know in real time as opposed to when they would be looking at the budget.

Mrs. Weiss responded that she felt that Council was working for the benefit of the entire City and if there is a Director who has a significant raise that Council should be aware of it so that they do their due diligence
and move forward.

Mr. Wiseman stated that he agreed with Mr. Sims and Mrs. Weiss. Council’s benefit is really a requirement of Council. Council is intimately involved with how the City runs; whether there are expenditures being or not being made. Mr. Wiseman added that he did not believe that Council should have to defend why they want to know if a Director gets a bump in their salary in the middle of the year. Mr. Wiseman clarified that Council was not saying that the Mayor can’t raise a Director’s salary but that she just let Council know about it.

Mayor Infeld voiced her disagreement in that Council need to be intimately involved in the administration of the City and stated that it seems to be an overreach of power.

MOTIONED BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to amend Ordinance 2016-04 by adding a new section 2 which states ““the Mayor shall advise Council of any change in the salaries of the aforementioned positions at its regularly scheduled meeting. On roll call, all voted “aye,” except Mr. Ertel who voted “no.””

Mr. Rach noted that to be responsible his vote was aye.

Mayor Infeld voiced to the Directors that she thought that made a statement in terms of how well Council supports their efforts and apologized. Mayor Infeld added that this was information that needed to be shared with the community.

Mr. Wiseman commented that that was so uncalled for.

MOTIONED BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON the approval of Ordinance 2016-04 an Ordinance Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2014-03 by updating the Annual Compensation Rate of Specified Employees as amended and on Emergency. On roll call on suspension of the rules, all voted “aye,” and roll call on passage, all voted “aye.”

Mrs. Pardee reiterated that this (discussion) had nothing to do with the City Directors, Council is proud of the Directors. This is Council wanting to have information that they believe they should be privy too. Council is just requesting to have information if things change and is proud to give the Mayor the stated ranges to work within.

C. Ordinance 2016-06 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to Street Fund (201), Street Lighting (204), Capital Projects (401), Police Pension (601), and Fire Pension (602) (on second reading)

There was no discussion.

MOTIONED BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS for the approval of Ordinance 2016-06 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to Street Fund (201), Street Lighting (204), Capital Projects (401), Police Pension (601), and Fire Pension (602). On roll call on passage, all voted “aye.”

D. Ordinance 2016-07 Accepting A Quit-Claim Deed from Amy Lisa Bug (aka Amy Graves) for Property Located at 2292 Saybrook Road in the City of University Heights (PPN 722-17-028) (on emergency)

Mr. McConville explained the differences between the different types of deeds. Deeds can convey different types of warranties. The rule of thumb is that in a residential real estate transaction a general warranty deed is what you want because it has the most stringent warranties in it. Limited warranty deeds are not as good but are still ok. Quick claim deeds are deeds where no warranties are given but it is a valid legal transfer. Quick claim deeds are typically the type of deeds that are utilized or conveyed when it is a gift or when there is no consideration being paid. In this case the property is being given to University Heights it is customary for the grantor giving the property by quick claim deed and that is what is before Council for approval.

Mayor Infeld informed everyone that the property is last house on Saybrook next to the parking lot and was donated by the family after the death of the family member. The Ordinance is being presented on emergency so that the appropriate paperwork can be filed.
Mrs. Cameron asked if it is required that other family members sign off on Quick Claim Deeds paperwork. In this specific case, because the person is the only known owner can she is permitted to say that the City can have it.

Mr. McConville replied that depends on who owns the property and in this case the party is permitted to give it to the City.

Mr. Wiseman clarified with Mr. McConville that if the City has the title work done and obtains title insurance the City would then be covered for any defects that happen to arise from the Quick Claim Deed or opposed to a General Warranty Deed.

Mr. McConville responded that was correct.

Mr. Rach commented that once the City takes ownership of the house that any inspection of the house be held to the same standards as any other house in the City during an inspection so that the up keep of the exterior is maintained.

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS approving Ordinance 2016-07 Accepting a Quit-Claim Deed from Amy Lisa Bug (aka Amy Graves) for Property Located at 2292 Saybrook Road in the City of University Heights (PPN 722-17-028) on emergency. Roll call on suspension of the rules all voted “aye,” and roll call on passage all voted “aye.”

E. Ordinance 2016-08 Amending Chapter 212 of the Codified Ordinances, and Amending Ordinance 88-06: Contracting Procedures (on first reading)

Mayor Infeld stated that this was a request from the Administration to increase the Mayor’s spending authority from $5,000 to $7,500, the State of Ohio approved the spending authority to $50,000. The current spending authority of $5,000 was set about 30 years ago and with the consumer price index changes over the past 30 years it seems prudent to increase the spending authority just a little bit.

Mr. McConville commented that the State of Ohio set the spending authority for non-chartered municipality at $50,000 without Council approval. An example of this would be Newburg Heights. Mr. McConville commented that that the current spending authority is restrictive and low and that it should be raised. The Administration is hand-strung from doing simple transactions in a narrow timeframe because of the current Ordinance.

Ordinance 2016-08 was placed on first reading.

F. Ordinance 2016-09 Amending Chapter 230.02 of the Codified Ordinances and Amending Ordinance 89-56: Disposition of Unneeded Personal Property; Sale; Abandon (on first reading)

Mayor Infeld stated that current Ordinance is very restrictive regarding how used, obsolete, broken down equipment can be disposed of. Current the Mayor first has to determine the value and if the value is more than $2,500 the Mayor has to get Council approval to dispose of that particular item.

Mr. Wiseman asked Mayor Infeld for instance if Council were to say they would like to be advised of any expenditure between $5,000 and the new proposed $7,500 amount after it occurred would the Mayor consider that to be over reaching.

Mayor Infeld replied yes, and that she thought that the community expects the Mayor to be able to operate the City government. By Charter the Mayor is in charge of the employees, all City operations, following the laws and making sure those laws applied. When Council starts to insert mechanisms by making it where the Mayor has to go to Council to report on things that are the Mayors job per City Charter that is an over reach in Mayor Infeld’s viewpoint.

Mrs. Pardee stated with all due respect to Mr. McConville’s statement she agreed that spending authority is all over the board and noted that about 1 year ago Council looked at the methods of other cities across the state. Mrs. Pardee noted that there were cities where every expenditure was approved by Council, there was no dollar limit; there were cities that approved $25,000 and above, it is all over the board. Mrs. Pardee added that sometimes we (city) rely a great deal on our neighbors when there are other examples that are just as valuable and viable. Finally, Mrs. Pardee stated that she thought it is Council’s purview to have a understanding of what is going on, not to run the City, not to take over and not to try to push the Mayor in
any general way. But just to have information, this provides good information to Council to have an understanding of City operations. Especially with Council being charged with the overseeing the financial part of budgeting and approving expenses, etc.

Mr. Sims commented that he felt that it is the absolute responsibility of Council to be informed by the Mayor of anything that Council is interested in knowing. All of this is public information and there is no reason that it should be held close to the desk. Mr. Sims added regarding Mrs. Pardee’s comment, in his view it is the Council’s responsibility to push the Mayor. That is what Council is here for, that is what legislation is about, and that’s why we have legislation. To the Mayor’s point Council’s responsibility would include the research and the investigation but it is Council responsibility to push the Mayor.

Mayor Infeld stated that the Charter gives the Mayor certain responsibilities and gives Council certain responsibilities. When Council over reaches on those responsibilities; it is her duty as the Mayor to point that out to the residents of this City.

Mayor Infeld added she thought that in this case the Council was off base and that Council had better things to do. In this case, for Council not to use its time and talents to research how to better this City through legislative action, programs, things that would help the community rather than choosing to spend all its time and efforts seeing what the Mayor does. Mayor Infeld commented she believed the community elected anybody to serve them as their representative and that Council was making a decision that was counter to what the Charter says Council’s responsibilities are.

In response to the Mayor's comments, Mr. Sims added Council had not made any decision relative to any matter, other than the fact that language was added to an Ordinance which would require the Mayor to advise Council of an action that had been taken. As far as the Council and the Charter are concerned, Mr. Sims stated that the charge that the Mayor believed to be the responsibility of Council was purely her opinion. Mr. Sims added everybody else at this table is also entitled to an opinion. While Mr. Sims respected the Mayor's opinion, he didn’t agree with it.

Mayor Infeld stated she understood that, but her opinion is educated, noting that she was on Council for twelve years which was longer than anybody here had been on Council and have been serving in this current position for a long time. Mayor Infeld also commented on what Mrs. Pardee referred to as her research and stated that she didn’t think it was fair to compare the City of University Heights in Cuyahoga County Ohio with Villages that are in southern Ohio as University Heights doesn’t operate the same. Mayor Infeld added that the Administration has found that typical contract negotiations for the pricing of capital items through the State purchase program that the market rate in this part of the state is different than in other parts of the state. So to compare University Heights to other areas of the state while we are all in the State of Ohio, isn’t a fair comparison.

Mayor Infeld said to her it is fair to compare our ability to operate with neighboring communities in this county to not draw examples from outside this county where the method of operating is different; the cost of living is lower. Mayor Infeld noted that she was requesting was a small increase on her spending limit after 30 years of the same set limit, it is very hard to do business based on cost from 30 years ago. To hold the city’s Administration hostage to life from 30 years ago makes it difficult to operate, makes the city not operate as well as it could. Mayor Infeld stated she didn’t think that served the residents of this community well and that that was the reason why the two ordinances were brought before Council.

Mrs. Pardee stated that her research was all over the State of Ohio, it was not inclusively Villages and Township; those were not the places where $25,000 and above was approved. Mrs. Pardee also stated that she thought that it was extremely limiting to just look to our County because good ideas, useful ideas can come from across the Country. The City doesn’t need to limit itself to looking at this County for good ideas. Mrs. Pardee also commented that it sounded to her that Mayor Infeld made a suggestion that Council is spending its time looking for a way to troth her or the Administration, noting that Council had already held committee meetings; finance has met, service and utilities has met, building has met, the committees are working to try to do things on behalf of the city. Mrs. Pardee added that she knew that other committees are planning on meeting as well. So, in fact Council vitality interested in working on behalf of the City. Thus, the Mayor’s suggestion that Council is spending their time not working with the Administration is not accurate in her opinion.

Mayor Infeld stated that she did not understand why the Council did not use its time and talents to look at the legislation of the City rather than what Mrs. Pardee pointed out as the committee meetings where the committees met with the city’s Administration and talk to the administration asking why do you want to buy this vehicle, what are you doing that for. Mayor Infeld stated that was fine because Council has to determine the value because Council is approving the budget. Mayor Infeld added that she didn’t think that
rose to the level of the past Councils that she served on where Council members had tremendous amount of research, for instance writing whole chapters on fair housing laws.

Mayor Infeld added that she had never seen that kind of research and that kind of effort extended by this Council and that she thought that this Council has a lot of talents it could share with the community and that there are a lot of things that could happen with the City’s ordinances and code if the Council were to direct their energy that way instead of constantly questioning the City Administration about normal practices that include; buying garbage trucks, fixing buildings, planting trees, Mayor Infeld said when she served on Council she believed that there was more contribution to the ordinances of the City.

Mr. Sims stated that to him it was really shameful to have to a conversation and continue an exchange like this. But, in addition to being shameful, it is absolutely necessary. Mr. Sims remarked that he would be personally inclined to support the proposed ordinance amending the chapter. Mr. Sims added that Council hadn’t said a word about where it stood, but there had been a presumption by the Mayor that Council was against it. Mr. Sims stated that the Mayor had not talked to him about it, so he certainly hadn’t told her that he didn’t support it, noting he didn’t know if the Mayor had spoken with others on Council; but as far as he knew and as far as what had been stated, there had not been no indication by Council as a whole or individual members where it stood.

Mr. Ertel added that he too was very disappointed that this was so divisive. The City has been running a long time; more than 30 years with the structure that it is in right now without a raise in the budget spending allowance. Mr. Ertel voiced that it was perfectly reasonable to push it up slightly - nowhere near the $50,000 limit adding that the Mayor’s example of the carpet cost was a good example because the Mayor is handcuffed with the current spending limits. Mr. Ertel noted that personally he didn’t want to get involved in every 50 cent expenditure.

Ordinance 2016-09 Amending Chapter 230.02 of the Codified Ordinances, and Amending Ordinance 89-56: Disposition of Unneeded Personal Property; Sale; Abandon was placed on first reading.

G. Motion to Authorize the purchase and installation of the Traffic Signal and Related Equipment for the intersection located at 2180 South Green Road by Signal Service Company in the amount of $44,588.25

Mr. Sims asked if there was any update in regards to the City receiving reimbursement from the person who caused the damage to traffic signal.

Mr. Heiser stated he contacted the City’s insurance company who is working on the City’s behalf with Progressive, the truck driver’s insurance company.

Mrs. Pardee asked the timeframe for the repair/replacement to be completed.

Chief Hammett replied that approximately a minimum time of 6 weeks and maximum time of 12 weeks. Chief Hammett noted that he asked the supplier about installing a temporary unit and the response was that there is no temporary unit because they would still have to build the pole regardless whether it temporary or permanent. If a temporary fix is done it would cost $20,000 in addition to the cost of the new signal and it would take the same amount of time 6 to 12 weeks.

Mrs. Pardee asked if there were temporary items like the free-standing unit with lights that are used on the highways that are used to notify to drivers to be careful and to slow down.

Chief Hammett replied that those types of items cannot be used for traffic signals in municipalities. They are not in conformance. Mrs. Pardee clarified she meant not a signal just something to say slow down. Chief Hammett stated that he wouldn’t recommend the use of flashing lights or things that people are accustomed to seeing in municipalities they could created more confusion than you would have without the signal in that area and to order mobile traffic devices would still take 6 to 10 weeks from out of state because they don’t conform to state laws no one in state supplies them.

Mr. Wiseman stated that he understood that it may take up at least 6 weeks to handle this and that other things may not be to code. Mr. Wiseman added that he didn’t know what was more important than the safety of the citizens of this city. We have a situation where there are approximately 60 or so men at night dressed in black coats crossing that street from the Kollel but even coming out of Heninen’s is in itself worse than a video game because no one stops. Mr. Wiseman noted in his mind it is not acceptable to just sit back and grit our teeth and say it is not dangerous. Something can be done by the safety forces and the Administration of the City to put something up there.
Mr. Ciuni said there is a light at Green/Cedar and also at Green/Silsby and suggested closing the crosswalk until the signal is back up with blockades and signs reading no crossing. Anyone who wants to cross the street safely should go to one of those intersections where there are crosswalk and traffic signals.

Chief Hammett noted that there are more people crossing outside of the crosswalk than within the crosswalk, they are crossing further south of the crosswalk where there isn’t a crosswalk. It is not that big of a risk because people aren’t using the crosswalk as it was meant to be used even with the traffic signal is there. Chief Hammett stated that the intersection can be blocked off but that he didn’t think that would stop people from crossing in that area unless there a police officer sitting there during peak hours.

Mayor Infeld commented that she would think and hope that people would look both ways before crossing a street even with a crosswalk there.

Mr. Wiseman added that it is not always the pedestrians fault; some drivers don’t pay attention like they are supposed to.

Mrs. Cameron asked Chief Hammett if the signs that are used in other cities to detect speeders that flash and displays how fast the vehicle is going could be used to slow down the traffic or alert them that something is different than they previously understood it to be would be better than nothing.

Chief Hammett replied that those aren’t enforceable and that cities typically get them on loan from insurance agencies. He would look to see if there is one in the department.

Mayor Infeld commented that she didn’t want to encourage accidents by having too many things there that are out of place and could catch someone eye and make them do the exact opposite of what is intended for them to do. Mayor Infeld stated she would rely on the Police Chief’s expertise with this matter.

Chief Hammett noted he would work with Mr. Ciuni as well.

**MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN** Authorizing the purchase and installation of the Traffic Signal and Related Equipment for the intersection located at 2180 South Green Road by Signal Service Company in the amount of $44,588.25. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

H. Motion to Authorize the Service Director to Purchase Swimming Pool Chemicals for 2016 Summer Season from SAL Chemical.

Mr. Pokorny reported that the City joined with Mayfield Heights to be part of their consortium for ordering swimming pool chemicals. Mr. Pokorny explained the cost of the various chemicals in comparison to last year’s cost giving the end cost with a savings of $222.00 for this year. Mr. Pokorny recommended that the City purchases the 2016 swimming pool chemicals from SAL Chemical.

**MOTION BY MR. RACH, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON** Authorizing the Service Director to Purchase Swimming Pool Chemicals for 2016 Summer Season from SAL Chemical. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

I. Motion to Authorize the Service Director to Purchase one (1) 2016 Ford F250 4WD Pickup Truck in the amount of $31,781.99 from Middletown Ford of Middletown, Ohio via State Cooperative Purchasing Program

Mr. Pokorny stated that the replacement of the 1992 red Chevy pickup truck with approximately 250,000 miles is beyond it useful life and is listed on the schedule for replacement as well as being in the budget. Mr. Pokorny also noted that this was discussed during the March 1, 2016 Service and Utilities Committee meeting.

**MOTION BY MR. ERTHEL, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE** Authorizing the Service Director to Purchase one (1) 2016 Ford F250 4WD Pickup Truck in the amount of $31,781.99 from Middletown Ford of Middletown, Ohio via State Cooperative Purchasing Program. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

J. Motion to Authorize Mayor to seek Bids for the Waterline Replacement Project on Churchill Blvd. and Loyola Road
Mr. Ciuni reported that the project is 100% funded by Cleveland Water and is approximately a million dollar project.

Mr. Wiseman asked Mr. Ciuni if the waterlines could be ranked in terms of a replacement schedule similar to how the streets are ranked for replacement and their condition.

Mr. Ciuni replied that there is a formula that has to be used because Cleveland Water pays for the waterline replacements. The formula takes into account the number of breaks, the water flow out of the hydrants, etc.

**MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS Authorizing the Mayor to seek Bids for the Waterline Replacement Project on Churchill Blvd. and Loyola Road. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

**Directors’ Reports**

Finance Director, Larry Heiser stated that a representative from Paychex would be at the next Council meeting.

Police Chief, Steven Hammett had no report but informed everyone that the Department doesn’t have any of the speed detector units.

Mrs. Cameron asked Chief Hammett how often the police patrol behind the retail businesses.

Chief Hammett responded they patrol systematically and often.

Fire Chief, Douglas Zook reported that the last two pieces purchased from the FEMA grant have been received.

Community Development Director Patrick Grogan reported that there is a pilot program beginning on April 1 where University Heights Senior Citizens can participate in programs and classes offered by the Cleveland Heights Senior Center.

Mrs. Pardee asked University Heights senior would be able to use the Cleveland Heights Social Workers with the pilot program and if there will be any additional fees charged to the University Heights residents.

Mr. Grogan replied that the Social Workers are not included in this pilot and that there would be about a $5 surcharge on any program that has a fee attached.

Mr. Wiseman asked if there is any cost to the city for the free programs.

Mr. Grogan replied no.

Safety Director Mayor Infeld stated that the City did receive funding from Cuyahoga County for 5 of the 6 homes that were declared a public nuisance. The City will use the County Land Bank to manage the process.

Mr. Rach asked what will happen to the sixth house (3901 Silsby Road) that isn’t being funded by the County.

Mr. Tuck-Macalla stated that case is scheduled to go before the Shaker Heights Housing Court on April 13th unless the case is continued.

Mayor Infeld noted that Council will receive an email every time this house is scheduled to go to court.

There were no other Director reports.
Standing Committee Reports:

Building Committee: Mr. Wiseman stated that a Building Committee met on February 23rd and some of the items discussed included: City Codified Ordinance Chapter 1475; the Ordinance that requires foreclosure properties to be registered with the City; reviewed the small (not complete) list of vacant properties in the cities, procedures; the interplay between the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission; how different parties come before the City and what happens, etc.

Governmental Affairs Committee: Mrs. Weiss reported that she emailed John Carroll for a few dates in which they would be available to update the committee on what is happening with their properties, their services in general and their future planning.

Recreation Committee: Mrs. Cameron will be scheduling a meeting in the near future.

Service/Utilities Committee: Mr. Sims reported that the Service/Utilities Committee met on March 1st and reviewed the following: curb and street resurfacing program, Service Department Vehicles and other Capital request the department may have for 2016. The committee will meet again to consider any information that the City Administration has to offer relative to opportunities for tree planting on private properties, Council with their limited resources will also see what information on this topic to see if there is any opportunity for tree plantings on private properties.

Mayor Infeld noted that the Administration has legislation from two nearby cities and can forward it to Mr. Sims when he is ready for it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS to adjourn the meeting. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

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Susan K. Infeld, Mayor

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Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council