Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Absent:   Mr. Steven Sims

Also Present:  Law Director Luke McConville
               Finance Director Larry Heiser
               Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas
               Fire Chief Douglas Zook
               Service Superintendent Jeffrey Pokorny
               Community Economic Development Patrick Grogan

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to excuse the absence of Mr. Sims. On Roll Call, all voted “aye.”

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mayor Beryl E. Rothschild

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting November 21, 2016

Mrs. Pardee and Mayor Infeld provided typographical correction to the November 21, 2016 minutes.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to approve the Council minutes from November 21, 2016 as corrected and presented. On roll call, all voted “aye,” except Mr. Wiseman who “passed.”

Comments from Audience

Mr. Barry Edwards, Jackson Blvd. stated he was present in response to the audio file he heard from the previous City Council meeting where his name and his neighbor’s names were called out. Mr. Edwards said he found that to be extremely unprofessional and that their crime was simply discussing crime on a social media app called “next door”. Quite simply when there are gunshots less than 100 yards from his house, he wants to know about it, his neighbors to know about it and everyone else to know about it so that the upmost is done to see that it doesn’t occur again real soon. Mr. Edwards added that he wasn’t present to just complain, he was present to offer suggestions and solutions. When negative comments are noted on social media pages, persons should answer those comments as soon as possible and thank them for bringing it to your attention. Mr. Edwards said he heard on the audio file the words “misinformation” quite a bit and that was the perfect opportunity to clear up misinformation to strengthens relationships, improves products/processes/services (Reputation Management). Mr. Edwards suggested that the City tries to adopt those principles and not constructive dialog.

Ms. Winfred Weizer, Jackson stated she was also named in the Mayor’s comments at the November 7 Council meeting, along with three other neighbors. Ms. Weizer said that those were public statements and because they were public statements she felt it was important to respond to them. Ms. Weizer continued to say the Mayor made a number of assertions during her comments as to inaccuracies, misinformation and concluded that she and her neighbors by using social media (next door website) in essence were a positive factor in the drop of property values in their neighborhood. Ms. Weizer commented that the Heights Community along with many others have worked in the past to suppress what officials consider bad news; this is done not out of bad intentions but out of the belief that anything to negative will cause people to see the area as undesirable. In this age of multiple social media platforms this technique has become obsolete. Ms. Weizer made note that the reliance on silence can explain in part, peoples distrust of government and also the traditional media. Ms. Weizer encouraged Mayor Infeld to rethink using that traditional tactic and perhaps embracing what the previous Mayor did when negative trends emerged, Mayor Rothschild contacted the neighborhood and invited them to meetings, used the crime programs in neighborhood watches to get a neighborhood by-in on addressing the problem that might occur. Ms. Weizer also noted the importance of the community having knowledge of various occurrences because there are dog walkers and people who walk for health reasons. Ms. Weizer also pointed out one biggest dragged on housing crisis are vacant and abandoned homes and after so many years there is still the vacant home on Tullamore Road next door to the Cases; why wait for a grant when the City
could have it demolished; that house affects the property value of the houses in that neighborhood.

Mr. Kevin Case, 3497 Tullamore stated he lives next door to the vacant house Ms. Weizer was speaking about. Mr. Case noted that he has been looking at that vacant house for 6 years and that the house is running its own discourse with raccoons living inside. Mr. Case said he needs something to happen to that house; the neighborhood needs something to happen to that house.

Mr. Nathan Kovach, 2190 Jackson stated that when he heard his name was mentioned at last month’s Council meeting he was intrigued until he listened to the full audio. Mr. Kovach said he did not know how the Mayor could call out a private citizen for making comments and trying to create a dialog about what is going on in the neighborhood. Mr. Kovach stated that the neighborhood is primarily concerned about safety. The neighborhood wants the City to know that they see what is going on and they are telling everyone they know. And, when the City sees it the neighborhood just wants to hear from government; that you either see it and have a plan, or if you didn’t see it, you didn’t know what was going on until the neighborhood altered you to it and you will develop a plan. What is the action going forward to try to better the situations in the neighborhoods? Mr. Kovach concluded by saying the neighborhood wants to be safe and they want to know the government has it in their hands.

Tami Jirousek, 3534 Cedarbrook noted her name was also mentioned at the previous Council meeting without her having representation there. Ms. Jirousek invited people to live in her house for 30 days so they can see what is happening and noted that it is frightening.

Mayor Infeld stated that in no way at all was she trying to use a broad brush to paint over any issues in the City. If the City has any issues they are addressed. The City addresses things that are factual and real, noting what she (Mayor Infeld) has observed on the social media website “next door”. Mayor Infeld explained that “next door” is a social media site that you have to be invited to in order to join and that you have to live west of Warrensville Center Road like she does. The site is intended to be an information sharing source for neighbors. For example if you are looking for a house painter, someone to plow your snow, you need a plumber, etc. it like a mini “angies list” for neighbor suggestions. The website is also available in other communities. Mayor Infeld added that what concerns her about the website and what she mentioned in the Council meeting was that there were several people in a particular neighborhood, one particular block that seemed to keep bringing up issues over and over which are police issues and issues that the police have looked at and some of which weren’t true and not helpful to the City when there are people who want to move back to the city where they grew up. Mayor Infeld stated she thought that a social media website was the wrong venue to use when a resident has concerns. The best way to reach her and talk to her directly about things is by phone or email. The Mayor added that she has help community meetings when there are issues of major concern, for example the transfer of water service to Cleveland Water from residents who were receiving their water from Cleveland Heights. Mayor Infeld stated that the City was not trying to whitewash any real issues; if there is a issues it will be addressed. In regards to the house the Mr. Case spoke to on Tullamore, Mayor Infeld commented that it used to be that the City would try to fix the house but there was a complicated ownership issue where the City did not have the right to take over the ownership of the house. The City has made repairs to the house, but it is not in good shape. The Administration asked Council to declare the property and other properties a public nuisance, which they did because there was money available from the County. Mayor Infeld noted that she was as disappointed as other that the County is slow to act on this property as well as others. Adding that the City is gathering information for the cost of demolition because the City may end up paying for it, even though there’s funding. This is not a good situation for the neighborhood, but again in terms of this neighborhood the Mayor stated she was glad the residents came to express their concerns and stated they can continue to talk after the council meeting or at another time with the Police Chief in a small group.

**Mayor’s Report to Community**

Mayor Infeld also reported that:

- There is a Planning Commission meeting on Tues., December 6 at 7pm.
- The Ohio Municipal League is working on lame duck legislation one of which deals with TIF properties. The idea that any property that enters into a TIF may not have any taxable value until the project is fully built.
- The current newsletter is available and has information regarding NOPEC Electric service.
- Congratulations to the John Carroll University Football Team on progressing through to the semi-final Playoffs.
**Agenda Items:**

**A. Presentation of Certificates to the Gesu Girl Soccer and Cross Country Teams**

Mayor Infeld presented and read certificates to the Gesu Girl Soccer team and Coaches on winning the 2016 Diocese of Cleveland CYO Soccer Championship game.

Mayor Infeld presented and read certificates to the Gesu Girl Cross Country Team and Coaches on winning the 2016 Diocese of Cleveland CYO Cross Country Championship race.

**B. Discussion regarding Cedar/Taylor Area**

Mr. Kevin Smith, Cleveland Heights resident and President of the Cedar/Taylor Merchants Association and Mrs. Ilene Schwartz, University Heights resident and Cedar/Taylor Merchants Association Board Member were present.

Mr. Smith explained that the association was formed a few years ago with the goal of having a Merchants Association to set a pathway to the beautification to the neighborhood and to make it a more attractive commercial district in comparison to other commercial districts who are a little more established. The association started the with the Cleveland Heights side using Cleveland Heights CDBG funding and putting in banners, bike racks, planters and benches. It has been a several year effort in putting in all the phases and now the association would like to tie in the University Heights side with the same to create a warm welcoming environment for merchants as well as customers.

Mr. Rach, chairperson of Civic Affairs Committee stated that he and Councilwoman Weiss, chairperson of the Governmental Affairs Committee decided to put their two committees together to come up with strategies for the northwest quadrant of the city in terms of beautification and streetscape. Mr. Rach noted that he informed the merchants association and is working with them on the University Heights process to obtain the necessary approvals for the project, as well as the Administration helping him outline what that process is (Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board and possible Council).

Mr. Rach explained that at Finance Committee meeting, Council members decided to have the Administration set-aside a fund for particular projects, such as gateway to streetscapes. The $25,000 annual project fund budget for streetscapes/gateway projects. Mr. Rach stated the purpose of discussion this at this time was what the project could be and the buzz around that. Noting he felt that architectural project such as this create energy for the district, bring people to the community, enrich the merchants that are already there.

Mrs. Weiss commented that the beauty of this project is that it is inexpensive, meaningful and impactful at the same time. If this continues to move forward and every year use the streetscape fund or line item for the different gateways it would be a great addition to the city. Specifically, the Cedarbrook/Cedar/Taylor District needs it more than anyone in the city.

Mr. Smith reviewed the plans which showed the placement of the banners, planters, benches, bike racks, etc. and the associated pricing.

Mr. Wiseman asked what was the process in Cleveland Heights.

Mr. Smith said that the Cleveland Heights was aware of the project because they were providing the funding. But as far as approvals, they were shown the same packet of drawing and layout that was provided to University Heights. The project did not need to go before such as Planning Commission in a formal.

Mr. Wiseman asked if the Merchants Association included merchants from both the Cleveland Heights side and the University Heights side and if they have their own budget.

Mr. Smith replied yes; noting the Board is comprise of six members who are a combination of both cities. The association doesn’t really have a budget; thus far funding has come from the Cleveland Heights CDBG grant and money that has been raised by going door to door to the businesses. There is no overhead, no staff and all the members are volunteers.

Mrs. Pardee stated she was grateful to Councilpersons Rach and Weiss for their perseverance over time to keep this going and bringing it before Council. Mrs. Pardee added she was very excited, in favor of this project and interested in seeing the gateways updated, brand the city and market it more successfully.

Mr. Wiseman commended his colleagues Councilpersons Weiss and Rach. Mr. Wiseman commented that there aren’t many things the city can do on a material level to help businesses like this in making their entrance ways more attractive.
Mayor Infeld reported that in the City has gone to the Cedar/Taylor merchants for letters of support as part of completing the application for CDGB money. The Mayor added that because the city doesn’t receive the funding directly it can’t provide direct funding to the Cedar/Taylor merchants like Cleveland Heights does in providing a steady budget to them. Mayor Infeld stated she understood Council intent to do likewise. The Mayor reported that there a public hearing for CDGB grant funding for a resubmission of a CDGB project for traffic calming in the Cedar/Taylor area will be on Wednesday at 7pm. The Mayor also noted that the NOACA plan along identifies gateway projects for every intersection in the city. Funding was received for a massive improvement, but the intersection area for Fairmount and the funding was for two blocks of streetscape and introduction of median island and little parkettes. Mayor Infeld also made note that she hired an environmental attorney to help guide the city in cleaning up the site pertaining to the underlined EPA issues on the Northwest corner, and added that much of the property belongs to the city because of the right-of-way.

Mr. Smith commented that the merchant’s association is ready to go with their beautification plan and acknowledged that master plans are wonderful and important. But a lot of times master plans give guidance on what should be done and not the specifics. The merchants’ association’s plans are fluid; where the benches, planters, banners can be moved if necessary. The hope would be that the plan could be rolled into the city’s master plan. Mr. Smith remarked that KFC property had recently transferred ownership and that the liability is with Exon Mobile.

Mr. McConville replied that the city would agree that it is Exon’s responsibility but also that there are complex and strategic issues that relate to that corner and it would not be prudent to discuss in public.

Mrs. Pardee agreed stating she was pleased that Mr. Smith made his comment and asked Mayor Infeld if she would consider this complementary to the NOACA project because to her everything that has been described would be complementary.

Mayor Infeld replied her reason for bringing up the County Masterplan for Cleveland Heights and University Heights as well as the NOACA project was because there is some much streetscapes and complete street efforts that everything together would be complementary. Mayor Infeld clarified that when Council characterize the $25,000 as Council giving the funds to Cedar/Taylor that the city is not doing that, that is not the intent. In a Finance Committee Meeting Council made the suggestion and request that $25,000 be set aside annually for gateway projects starting with the currently proposed gateway project; not as a giveaway to Cedar/Taylor.

Mr. Wiseman asked Mayor Infeld to explain what the public hearing meeting on Wednesday was for.

Mayor Infeld answered that the meeting serves as a way for the City to gather ideas to improve the project presentation as well as being a requirement of the County Department of Development that there is actual citizen’s engagement and conversation for the application submittal.

Mrs. Cameron asked what would it take to formulate and why the proposed project can’t move forward.

Mayor Infeld stated she would check with the County about what progress they have made pertaining to the Cedar/Taylor area. Mayor Infeld explained the process necessary for the proposed project to move forward unlike Cleveland Heights the application would have to go to the Building Commissioner for review and the City’s code does not permit banners, which then would move that application to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Architectural Review Commission.

Mrs. Weiss stated to Mayor Infeld that she was a bit confused because when Council brought this project to her approximately three month ago she specifically informed Council that it was public property and that the owners do not go to Building Commissioner; Council would go before the Building Commissioner with her.

Mayor Infeld replied that she didn’t remember the conversation, but that it would depends on what part of the property is being used.

Mr. McConville added he was asked to research this. If all of the improvements are in the public right of way; then the applicant would be the City and the City would make application to the administration.

Mrs. Cameron commented that if Mr. Ciuni has developed plans to present to the CDBG has he not prepared them for Council to see as well.

Mayor Infeld replied that will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Back and forth discussion was held between members of Council and the Mayor in attempts to understand the correlation between the CDBG Public Hearing, Masterplan information and
Mrs. Weiss clarified that if the grant ever gets approved, it will complement and enhance the other side of the street that can be done within three to six months and boost moral to that area and start beautifying that street. Mrs. Weiss added she didn’t understand why the Mayor wasn’t jumping at this opportunity.

Mayor Infeld replied that she was actually trying to provide information to the Cedar/Taylor Merchants Association information on what could be happening on the other side of the street; i.e. expanding sidewalk where the association if talking about benches. Also, since Mr. Smith has talked to the City of Cleveland Heights as well as the County Planning Commission as to where the City is knowledge based on the masterplan and the County’s view point of the Cedar/Taylor intersection.

Mr. Ertel asked if the banners should be held off on pending the completion of projects, plans, and grants.

Mayor Infeld said although it is independent of the CDBG grant; she was very interested in what the County Planning Commission recommends.

Mr. Rach stated that he was appreciated that the City was taking the initiative to look at the streetscape on its own with the County Master planning effort. Mr. Rach noted that he was part of the master plan and had asked a couple of times to see diagrams, drawings but there was more theoretical, there was no documentation in terms of drawings of the Cedar/Taylor corner. Which is why Mr. Rach felt the merchants who had already had a plan in place for years could come forward with a plan. Last year, there was a $2mil surplus and unless something unforeseen happens there may be another $2mil surplus this year. Mr. Rach stated that what is up is Council to consider a fund of $25,000 to fund project that are gateway and streetscape specific to give back to the community in terms of benefits. Hopefully, this will draw a buzz to the community and bring retailers, restaurants. We owe it to the current merchants to show that we are here for them and that we want the area to look better. Mr. Rach added that the benches could be moved if necessary and that the banners are relatively inexpensive with a shelf life of about 5 years, so if the masterplan takes 5 years for fruition it will be time to replace the banners anyway. Mr. Rach also stated he understood the environmental issues at that corner and hoped that it could be settled soon. Mr. Rach concluded in asking Council to consider that this fund is an important fund, it is the gateway to the City and it should be used for this particular project regardless of what the master planning efforts says because it does complement and if in three days Council hear differently than it can be dropped. Mr. Rach added that he was begging the Administration to move forward with the plan and help the Merchant’s Association along with the process since it is public land and that the Merchant’s Association is technically the applicant.

Mayor Infeld thanked Mr. Rach and informed him that if he wants to submit a plan, then submit it to the Building Commissioner as those are the mechanics and the mechanics haven’t changed from the last time she spoke with him; you have to make an appointment with the Building Commissioner, submit the plan and then we will move on from there. Mayor Infeld informed Mr. Smith that she met with the architect and in addition to providing the company name of Ross Belt Welding any project submission needs to also include the name of the company who make the benches and banners, etc.

C. Ordinance 2016-42 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund $296,729.24 to Street Fund (201) and Capital Projects (401) (on second reading)

Mayor Infeld stated that the transfer amounts were as follows; $90,000 to the Street Fund (201) and $206,729.24 to the Capital Projects Fund (401).

There was no additional discussion regarding this item.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN approving Ordinance 2016-42 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund $296,729.24 to Street Fund (201) and Capital Projects (401). On Roll Call, all voted “aye.”

D. Ordinance 2016-43 Amending Ordinance 2015-48 for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of University Heights, Ohio, for the Period Commencing January 1, 2016 and Ending December 31, 2016 (on first reading)

Mr. Heiser explained the transfer amounts.

Mr. Wiseman asked if there would be a point in time in which the TIF monies wouldn’t be transferred via the City as a second party or will the TIF expire.

Mayor Infeld said there are about 16 or 17 years left to the TIF agreement.
Ordinance 2016-43 was placed on first reading.

E. Ordinance 2016-44 City Budget for 2017 (on first reading)

Mrs. Pardee stated that the Finance Committee has made the recommendation for Council to pass the 2016-44 City Budget. Mrs. Pardee pointed out that on page 23 of the budget, line 40 under Community Development Council had requested that funds be set aside for Community Enhancement; this is in line with the gateway project to enhance the community under the Community Development section of the budget. Mrs. Pardee added that the Mayor could use these funds for the NOACA Project and some of the other capital projects. Mrs. Pardee remarked that line 40 is entitled community engagements and these are actually enhancements; and noted that engagement and enhancements are very different.

Mr. Heiser stated that it would be classified as community enhancement initiatives per Mr. Sims request.

Mrs. Pardee also stated that Council requested that $25,000 be set aside for Gateway and under Misc. Contracts in the Council budget, page 28 will also go towards the Technology Commission’s recommendation once ready; to put up wireless screens in Council Chambers to allow both the audience and persons on the dais to see presentations with ease.

Ordinance 2016-44 was placed on first reading.

F. Ordinance 2016-45 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract for Public Health Services with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (on emergency)

Mayor Infeld stated that in addition to Council authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contract for the Board of Health, they also require that an Ordinance be passed as well. Council approved the contract at the November 7, 2016 meeting. Mayor Infeld explained that because the contract is for 2017 and it needs to be in effect at the beginning of January 2017 Ordinance 2016-45 is being presented on an emergency basis. Allowing it to go into effect before the 30 days waiting period after a second reading.

Mrs. Pardee noted that per the contract it stated that Council agreed to enter into contract on November 7, 2016 and the Mayor signed and dated the contract November 28, 2016. Mrs. Pardee asked if the contract needed to be resigned exhibiting a different date.

Mr. McConville stated that Council was asked by motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract, that motion was approved. Subsequent to that the agency stated they wouldn’t sign the written contract unless it is approved by Ordinance. Mr. McConville added that he was almost positive that the reasons the Board of Health was doing this, was because they aren’t aware of the city’s charter provision that allows this to be done by ordinance or motion.

**MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON approving Ordinance 2016-45 authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract for Public Health Services with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.** On Roll Call of suspension of the rules, all voted “aye.” Roll call on passage, all voted “aye.”

Mrs. Pardee asked Mayor Infeld if she could request a motion for Council to allow the City to immediately go out to obtain bids to raze the house 3505 Tullamore Road and that it be added to the agenda.

Mayor Infeld stated that the Administration is already in that process.

Mrs. Pardee replied that she would still like to make that motion and go out for bids immediately for that one house because a land bank was set up for University Heights and to hear that it has been six years you would want to possibly have a motion to go out to bid as the information is gathered. So, Mrs. Pardee stated she would like to move that process along by approving it tonight.

**MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to add to the agenda a motion allowing the City to immediately go out to obtain bids to raze the house 3505 Tullamore Road**

Mayor Infeld stated that there was no need to go out for bids because of the dollar amount involved. The Administration is gathering quotes with the intention of coming back in two weeks. We only have to go out for bids if the amount exceeds $15,000. Mayor Infeld added that this process began with the previous Building Commissioner and the newly appointed Commissioner is working on it.

Mayor Infeld voiced her dissatisfaction in that the city asked for grant money in good faith, received grant money in good faith, notified the neighborhood in good faith and then nothing happened. This has gone on for...
a long time with no satisfactory answer from the County so the City is proceeding with probably a demolition on its own. Information for approval will probably be presented to Council at the next meeting because the cost will more than likely exceed the Mayor’s $5,000 spending authority.

Mr. Wiseman remarked Council approved it to go to the County in June 2015 so it has been 18 months.

Mayor Infeld commented that she would follow up with Mr. Case.

Mrs. Pardee asked if there was a way to fashion this so that it could be moved along.

Mayor Infeld replied raise her spending authority. Mayor Infeld stated that a public information request was made by Councilman Wiseman as to what properties where approved by Council for demolition and since it was by Council action the Clerk of Council is working on that request.

Mr. Wiseman clarified that he did not send a public information request, he asked Mr. Grogan for a list of houses that have been approved for demolition. Mr. Wiseman again said he would like to see a list of the houses and the bids received and walk through the process.

Mr. Ertel asked if Council were to make a motion granting the Mayor a budget to demo the house at 3505 Tullamore would that facility matters.

Mr. McConville replied that Council does have that authority and he suggested that the Finance Director be asked if he know what the bids amounts were that the previous Building Commissioner received for the demolition. Noting he would error on the high side.

Mr. Heiser said around $10,000 and $12,000.

Mr. Brown said he talked with the previous Building Commissioner and the bids were $17,000 and $18,000. Mr. Brown suggested getting new bids.

Mr. Wiseman asked why didn’t the City just have the County Land Bank come back out.

Mayor Infeld stated that it is the intent of the Administration since there has been no action on the County’s part to go ahead to get quotes and while at the same time work with the County too.

Mrs. Pardee withdrew her motion and Mr. Wiseman withdrew his second after the Mayor said she would provide 3 quotes.

Mrs. Cameron questioned, given the fact that it hasn’t been explained to the Case family, despite their efforts over the years to inquire about the property; the City has not done a good job to explain the barriers that the City faced in dealing with said property. Which led Mrs. Cameron to her seconded point that some sort of motion be done in support that the said property is decimated in order to put it very publicly that that is the intention and that Mr. Case’s public plea was heard. Mr. Case is owed an explanation or at least an assurance that Council heard what he had to say and intend to do something about it.

Mayor Infeld disagreed because she has had regular communication with Mrs. Case and Mr. Case has been cc’d on the emails as well. Mayor Infeld added that she received clear acknowledge from the Mrs. Case via email.

Mayor Infeld stated in two weeks she will present to Council the results of the request for quotes from companies that are capable of demolishing properties.

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

Mayor Infeld request an executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel compensation for particular employees.

**MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. RACH to hold an executive session immediately following this regular meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel compensation for particular employees. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**
**Directors’ Reports**

**Police Chief ~ Steve Hammett** reported a robbery at Dunkin Donuts, the store was closed at the time of the robbery and an employee was arrested. The seconded incident was a robbery on Elmdale, the resident was driving home from a neighboring City and her car was bumped from the rear when she exited her car then a male exited out of the other vehicle pushed her to the ground and jumped into her vehicle and drove off. The resident’s vehicle was found in Cleveland. Chief Hammett stated that our detective bureau is working with the detective bureaus in Cleveland Heights and Beachwood as they experienced the same offense. The last incident was the shooting of a resident of 3781 Bushnell at 1:10pm – the individual pulled up in front of the house and fired several shots into the house. Chief Hammett added that this was not a random incident that the office has suspect information. No one was injured, only property damage was done.

Mr. Wiseman asked Chief Hammett what to do in the event your car is hit from behind.

Chief Hammett replied that there is information on what to do on the Police Dept. Facebook page. Chief Hammett added if the person exits their vehicle and approaches you, then lock your doors and tell them to follow you to a police dept. or well-lit area. Call the police dept. from your cell phone and alter them to where you are diving to.

Mrs. Weiss thanked Chief Hammett for the update and for the presence of the Police Dept. on social media.

**Community Development ~** There was no report.

Mrs. Pardee made mention to the Masterplan draft report survey question responses. Council requested copies of all the written comments and nothing has been received yet.

Mayor Infeld said she would look into that.

**Service Director ~ Jeff Pokorny** reported that leaf pickup is ending this week so that those trucks can be setup for snow plowing. The tree planting program is complete with approximately 300 trees being planted.

There were no other Director reports.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** Mrs. Pardee shared that for years the Finance Committee has talked about “rainy day fund – now it is called a “reserved fund” and that the City of Seven Hills has just recently set up a “rainy day fund”. The committee has also talked about potential merit or bonus pay for employees and inquired what that might take, Solon has set up one-time merit based payments for full-time employees using review committees.

**Safety Committee:** Mr. Ertel stated he will try to have a Safety Committee meeting before years’ end.

There were no other committee reports.

**MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to move into executive session for purposes of discussing personnel compensation for particular employees. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

**MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to exit out of executive session. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

**MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to move back into regular session. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

**MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

**MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to exit out of executive session and adjourn the meeting. On roll call, all voted “aye.”**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan K. Infeld, Mayor

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council