

**MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Also, Present: Law Director Luke McConville
Clerk of Council Kelly M. Thomas
Police Chief Steven Hammett
Fire Chief Douglas Zook
City Engineer Joseph Ciuni
Service Superintendent Jeffrey Pokorny
Building Commissioner Larry Brown

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting January 17, 2017

There were no corrections to the January 17, 2017 Council minutes.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. RACH to approve the Council minutes from January 17, 2017 as presented. On roll call, all voted “aye,” except Mrs. Weiss who “passed.”

Mr. Rach introduced the Speaker for the City’s Black History program, Mr. Sandy Womack Director of Principal Development for the Cleveland Heights/University Heights School System for a brief discussion on how “Black History Month” was formed and why it is still relevant today.

Mr. Sandy Womack, Director of Principal Development for the Cleveland Heights/University Heights School System spoke enlighten everyone on his personal passion of Black History in the tradition of “griots” or African Storytelling. Mr. Womack stated that this was the 91 year of African American History, it was started in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson under Negro History Week in February because of Abraham Lincoln’s and Fredrick Douglas’ birthdays.

“The Lion and the Goat” Once upon a time a long time ago there was a young lioness, the young lioness was being hunted by hunters in Africa. She jumped off a cliff and lost her life but at that time she had a young lion cub in her belly. The lion cub was born, but born on goats – so the goats saw he and raised him, took care of him. The young lion cub learned to eat, talk, walk like a goat and began to think he was a goat because he didn’t know his mother, father or history. Until one day a lion came roaring in the jungle and it stirred up something in the lion cub because it sounded and looked like him. The lion took the cub under his wing and told him that he was a lion and a goat; he needed to walk, talk and act like a lion.

Mr. Womack said that in many cases that is the history of Afro-Americans in this country, they didn’t know they came from kings, empires, queens, etc. and continued to site much of Americas history and many things that are in existence today are due to Afro-Americans and their inventions.

Comments from Audience

- ❖ Ms. Yaro, 2588 Dysart spoke in favor of University Heights becoming a Sanctuary City. Noting that she was an immigrant from Chili because her father was offered an opportunity in 1977. Ms. Yaro said it about what’s right – not what’s political.
- ❖ Ms. Romanoff, resident of Cleveland stated that over 300 cities in the United States are already Sanctuary Cities to serve as a place where immigrant can feel safe. Ms. Romanoff encouraged University Heights to do the same.

- ❖ Mr. Jim Outman, Westwood Road stated he had provided Council members a very specific proposal to declare University Heights a Sanctuary City. Mr. Outman said that a key part of being a sanctuary city is that the police in University Heights along with other city employees will not actively enforce Federal Immigration Laws and will not actively participate or cooperate with the enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws.

Mayor Infeld asked Mr. Outman if there was any reason why she did not receive any communication about the topic from him.

Mr. Outman replied he didn't know if the Mayor took the advantage of seeing the "heights" Facebook page and that he sent the draft Resolution to members of Council because he thought it was the Council that was going to vote on it.

- ❖ Ms. Elizabeth Englehart, 2328 Glendon added to the remark about the Police Dept. not carrying out the orders of a Federal Immigration Law in the government. Many communities in the United States are using now who's Police Depts. are not enforcing immigration law are filing lawsuits using the 10th amendment of the Constitution. The 10th amendment gives leeway in the wording and from other cases that set precedent that individual communities in States do not have to bare the financial burden upon their Police Dept. to carry out Federal Immigration Laws, that should be carried out by Federal agents. If a City doesn't believe they will receive Federal funding because they are a sanctuary city, one of the ways to not call yourself a sanctuary city but still have the Police not becoming an Immigration Officer is to look at what other Cities are doing using the 10th amendment to fight this in the legal courts.

Mr. McConville explained that being a sanctuary city may mean different things to different people and its status can be arranged in different ways. 1) Dejury (under law)/ Defacto (under fact) – where Council has the power of the purse in terms of neglecting or omitting to allocate funds towards any sort of program that would relate to immigration law enforcement; 2) there is also room under Federal Law for municipalities to refuse to cooperation with certain kinds of immigration enforcement request that come from the federal government. There are two different types of request that a Police Department may receive: 1) ICE Detention Request where the Federal Government becomes aware of the illegal immigration status of a particular individual and request a local police department to detain that person would be a Civil request; eight separate Federal Courts have ruled that those type of request do not have to be followed and are unconstitutional on the basis that there is not probable cause for a local police department to be involved in the detention or arrest of that person. Thereby, creating a due process violation. The more difficult scenario for a local police department is where the request is made in connection with an illegal immigrant who has committed a crime and in those instances regulations exist that propagated under the Obama Administration that indicate that local authorities may be obligated to cooperate with Federal authorities in detention situations.

Mr. Sims said he had personally requested that Mr. McConville review the language that Mr. Outman proposed legislation might look like and then provide Council some sort of formal briefing of his thoughts that could provide Council with guidance on whether this is an issue that should be considered and if so, provide guidance with respect to how Council might determine whether individually and collectively as a Council feels that University Height should deem itself as a sanctuary city.

Mr. McConville replied he would provide Council written guidance.

- ❖ Ms. Cory Luzar, 2320 Glendon stated that it is a humanitarian and moral issue.
- ❖ Ms. Amanda Koziura, 3842 Grenville asked if the city was considering breed specific legislation banning specific breeds of dogs that are considered vicious. Ms. Koziura said she was disheartened to learn that the set of breeds that are considered pit bulls are currently by city ordinance are considered vicious and she wanted to express her support of removing that from the ordinance. Ms. Koziura added that she had research that supports breed specific legislation does not work and it isn't scientifically viable. No one breed of dog is inherently more likely to harm humans more than others. It's a nature verses nurture issue.
- ❖ Ms. Annie Rawlinson, 3949 Bushnell commented that she loved the new community park on Fenwick and suggested that the City provide something to help owners who walk their dogs there and don't have anything to clean up after them.
- ❖ Ms. Brooke MacNamara, 4065 Washington asked if the City could do anything about the trash/litter being dumped within the community.

- ❖ Mr. Sam Alai, John Carroll Univ. ~ International Student (Belize), Chair of Community Affairs & Service and also a Member of the Student Senate. Mr. Alai informed everyone that the John Carroll student body want to make an initiative to show more solidarity to its communities and will have students be making more effort in attending City Council meetings. John Carroll students care and want to be a part of the community as well.

Mayor’s Report to Community

Mayor Infeld provided the following report.

- New businesses in the city: Premier Smiles – Dental and Orthodontic Practice (above CVS at Cedar Center); Heights Laundry (South Taylor Road); and other businesses which will be coming to the Cedar/Green retail center
- The City’s Master Plan Review will be presented to the City’s Planning Commission with the assistance of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (date to be announced)
- Review of the City’s Planning and Zoning Codes will restart
- Community Concerts for Black History at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
 - Feb. 18 (6:30pm) The Wright Family Singers present an evening of worship through spiritual and gospel music and explore the majesty of Jazz music of Afro-American vocalist, composers and musicians
- Cleveland Leadership Center will hold an event called “Accelerate 2017” Wed., Feb 22 at the Global Center for Health Innovation (downtown) – a “Shark Tank” where people will pitch their ideas to members i.e. community change, economics and workforce development, educating for tomorrow, etc. and the winning project will receive funding
- John Carroll University will be holding a forum on Feb. 9 at 7:30PM in the Lombardo Student Center. The presenters are University Heights Mayor Infeld, South Euclid Mayor Welo and Warrensville Heights Mayor Brad Sellers ~ revisiting the Church and the City

Agenda Items:

- A. **Motion Approving Planning Commission’s Recommendation regarding: Cleveland Community Mikvah, 3142 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115 re: 2588 South Green Road (PPL#721-28-074), application to build Mikvah (5,565 gross square feet) in a U-1 District with the need of the following variances and special permits.**

Lot Area/Setback Requirements

Variance #1

Code requires a minimum of 3 acres ~ proposed plan provide 1.2294 acres with the need of a 1.7706 acres variance for lot coverage

Variance #2

Code requires a minimum of 150ft. ~ proposed plan provide 84ft. with the need of a 66ft. lot frontage variance

Variance #3

Code requires a minimum of 50ft. ~ proposed plan provides 12ft.8inches with the need of a 37ft.4in. side (north) setback variance

Variance #4

Code requires a minimum of 22ft.10inches ~ proposed plan provides 12ft.8 inches with the need of a 10ft.2in. side (south) setback variance

Variance #5

Number of parking spaces in front of the building (all parking to be in the front yard)

Variance #6

Code requires a minimum of 30 parking spaces ~ proposed plan provides for 24 parking spaces with the need of a variance of 6 parking spaces

Special Permit

Authorization to allow “Special Use” in a U-1 property zone

Special Permit

Authorization to allow fencing forward the rear foundation line

Mr. Michael Christoff, Mr. Denver Brooker and Mr. Jeremy Styger from Vocan Consulting as well as Rabbi Adams from the Cleveland Community Mikvah.

Mr. Christoff reviewed the project as well as the requested variances and special permits. Stating the building itself would be approx. 84ft. x 600ft. and only used during the evening hours. In terms of use, it is expected that as few as 10 to 15 women will be in the facility each night. So, given the fact that only 6 people can fit in the waiting room, the 12 prep rooms, 2 emergence pools, 2 attendants, 1 cleaning staff person and 1 nail specialist there would only be the need to have 24 parking spaces. All parking will take place in the front of the building. Fencing will be erected on the north and south sides from the rear of the building to 25ft from the roadway, this will provide separation from the residential areas. The area will be lighted with 10ft lighting fixtures, there will also be low bulbs along the sidewalks. The plan is for the building to give a porch feeling.

Mrs. Weiss asked if there was room to expand the number of parking spaces as the community grew.

Mr. Christoff said yes.

Mr. Sims added that there is a variance has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission that will allow for the project to not have the 30 spaces that it needs and in order to accomplish that the applicant has made it look uniform from the street which is what Mr. Sims thought was the proper thing to do so that it doesn't protrude onto Green Road. Mr. Sims asked Mr. Christoff if he was saying if Council approved the Planning Commission's recommendation for this variance and if it were decided to have the 30 spaces they would create them?

Mr. Christoff said no; but, if at some point the community members were to start complaining that the parking needed to expand because people had to park elsewhere at that point that need could be accommodated if necessary. But the applicant knows the use pretty well, have an understanding on the who will be using the facility and the number of people per night.

Mr. Ertel asked if it was a safety reason for the parking to be in the front of the building.

Mr. Christoff replied that safety was one of the reasons and the other reason is to reduce the impact on the neighbors. This project will help the housing values and keep the flavor of the residential feel.

Mr. Ertel added that if someone purchased the house next door to him and then put in a 24 spaces parking lot his housing value would go down. This is a residential community and he would want to keep that flavor, but having a 24-space parking lot in the front is more like Cedar Center.

Mr. Jeremy Styer stated that the owners of the two adjoining houses on Green Road are Board members of the Cleveland Community Mikvah and are donating the land.

Mayor pointed out that the proposed number of variances and special permits for this project is kind of astronomical. And, in noting Mr. Sim's comment about the possibility of needing the additional parking spaces Mayor Infeld stated that will happen. Adding that Council will need to include in the motion some type of limitation because if this project is approved by Council and parking is added the trees will be gone the greenery along Green Road will be gone because that is where the parking spaces will be added. So, if Council thinks having greenery and beautification along Green Road and having a park-like entrance to this facility is important they absolutely have to say that in the motion and advised that it also state that any additional parking spaces be located behind the building.

Mr. Christoff replied that the intention is to have greenery in the front of property. From the moment that someone drives or walks onto the site it will start to envelop them into a spa like experience. So, if at any point there is a part of the motion that would require the Mikvah to come back to ask for addition parking Mr. Christoff said he couldn't imagine coming back without having another landscaping plan that would provide as much if not more because it is also important to the applicant.

Mr. McConville stated that the Planning Commission approved the project as presented with the stated variances and special permits. If for some reason the applicant; either now or at some time in the future to deviated from that the applicant in Mr. McConville's interpretation the applicant would have to go back before the Planning Commission before they could pull any permits.

Rabbi Adler noted that he spoke with the surrounding neighbors and that they liked having the parking in the front.

Mrs. Cameron asked if additional parking (6 to 10 spaces) was needed would they consider having a driveway go around to the back of the building and if not would those addition spaces go in the front where the area of trees is proposed?

Mr. Christoff replied that having a driveway around the building wouldn't fit and added that it is hard to talk about an issue that isn't believed to be necessary. But, if additional parking does become necessary they would probably be placed in the open space that would be left in the front of the building. Mr. Christoff added if that were the case they understand that they would have to go back before the Planning Commission for approval to add the spaces.

Mr. Sims referred to the Mikvah not needing the required minimum 30 parking spaces and asked what would happen if those spaces become necessary and the Law Director has suggested that if that were to occur they would have to go back before the City (Planning Commission).

Mr. McConville answered that was correct it would be a project to place a parking lot where there wouldn't currently be a parking lot and that would require Planning Commission approval.

Mr. Sims stated he was not concerned about the number of additional spaces if ever needed. His concern was if the Mikvah ever decided to add additional parking on the face of Green Road that there would be some process that they would have to follow to make that happen. Because it would be a travesty to have parking moving onto the frontage any more than is already currently proposed.

Mr. Wiseman stated that before the proposed parking spaces of the building you are 110 ft. before the curb of Green Road. Noting the recently approved/built Kollel just down the street on Green Road; although the parking is in the rear of the building it is about 15ft. from the curb of Green Road so it is fully visible from Green Road.

Mr. Rach added that he felt that where the parking was proposed was a good fit in terms of distance from the street. Because the neighboring condo development (Villas on the Green) had parking within the same area of where the Mikvah proposed with their project.

Mr. Christoff said the parking lot will be seen from the street as little as possible because of extensive proposed landscaping.

Mrs. Cameron commented in regards to Mr. Ertel's comment about property values Mrs. Cameron stated that she believed that Council had to consider that the approval of a project such as this would allow the City to enjoy an increase in the property value for the Jewish community over all. Mrs. Cameron added that she didn't think that the value of such a project should be discounted – by them having what they feel is a cornerstone of their faith, traditions and culture. This project would in fact increase the property values for that community in that specific site.

Mr. Ertel stated he was all for the project in that it is very significant and will tie together a lot of communities for the first time. Mr. Ertel added he just like the parking out front.

MOTION BY MR. RACH, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to approve the Planning Commission recommendation regarding: Cleveland Community Mikvah, 3142 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115 re: 2588 South Green Road (PPL#721-28-074), application to build Mikvah (5,565 gross square feet) in a U-1 District with the need of the following 6 variances and 2 special permits. The Special Permits will appear annually on the Board of Zoning agenda for renewal approval. On roll call, all voted "aye."

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B. Update regarding 3505 Tullamore Road

Mayor Infeld informed everyone that the County Landbank officially owns the property and was issued a demolition permit for the house and garage. The neighbors on Tullamore and behind the property on Cedarbrook that the house and garage will be demolished this week.

C. Ordinance 2017-02 to Update and Correlate University Heights' Codified Ordinances 1446.01 and 1498.15 in Reference to Street Numbers as they appear on Buildings in the City (on passage)

Mr. Rach stated he was still hesitant to approve Ordinance 2017-02 with the penalties (code section 1446.99 and 1420.99) as stated because residents could be charged with a 1st degree misdemeanor which carries a maximum sentence of 6 months in jail or a minimum fine of \$100 up to a maximum of \$1,000. Mr. Rach thought that was rather steep for a someone who may have had 2½" number and has to now switch to 3" numbers, that is not fair for the residents. Mr. Rach added that he would be in support of this ordinance if the penalty were struck out.

Mr. Wiseman stated that he agreed with changing the penalty, and noted that as long as the numbers are visible from the street that should satisfy the ordinance.

Mayor Infeld stated that her concern as the Safety Director of the city it that the safety forces can clearly see numbers on a house. It is the city standard to have the house numbers affixed to the house. Mayor Infeld cautioned Council that there is a reason why that standard exists. Does the City have a pattern of accepting numbers on painted tiles on a stake in the ground? The answer to that is yes; noting she didn't believe residents have been traditionally cited for that. Regarding the cited penalty; that penalty is standard for all ordinances that are in that section of the code and would be applied in the judicial setting. Cases don't get to the Court unless there is a repetitive pattern of ignoring notice from the city.

Mr. Sims asked how would the ordinance be implemented.

Mr. Brown stated that the inspection of house numbers would be performed during bi-yearly exterior inspections.

Mr. Sims asked if a uniformity standard for the look of the housing numbers has been decided and if any vendors have been contacted to help with the implementation for consistency.

Mayor Infeld said that will be looked at administratively, but added that people had their 1st amendment right as to the color, look and type of materials for the house address numbers.

Mr. Wiseman stated was sure if using the idea that the Judge wouldn't hammer someone was reason enough of whether or not to codify penalizing a behavior and cited the issue with the babysitting camps from a couple of years ago. Mr. Wiseman asked if the Police and Fire Department used GPS to locate homes.

Both Chief Hammett and Chief Zook replied that their departments don't use GPS to locate houses.

Mr. Wiseman said he would be in favor of removing the penalty section of the code and allow people to keep their ground address plaques as long as they make sure they clear the snow away from them.

Mayor Infeld replied that practically speaking that would be hard to enforce and puts a burden on the housing inspectors to drive up and down the streets every time there is a heavy snow fall. Mayor Infeld also said that maybe this is being heavily cautious in making sure people are safe, but GPS isn't perfect either. What the ordinance is doing is correcting where current ordinance states two conflicting sizes, Mayor Infeld advice regarding any application of a penalty clause would be, why change it now if there will be a review of the Planning and Zoning code. Why not let it lay until it comes time to look at this when this section of the code is reviewed.

Mr. McConville stated the issue is that the Administration wants to make sure that the safety forces can see the addresses as they are driving along the street. A legislation could be drafted that stated the address must be visible from the street, that would be subjective or it could state a 3" standard, 2.5" standard or 2" standard. Mr. McConville added that he would guess that the original intent of putting an objective standard into the code was to be resident friendly.

Mrs. Pardee noted that there is something on books that specifies either 2.5" or 3" that says there should be a number somewhere affix thereon to the house. So, any house that does not have a number, the city can legitimately give that homeowner/landlord a letter stating such. Council can wait for the update of the zoning code, the safety forces may find it to be less convenient but the Council has not heard of any instances where there were any significant damage, danger or loss because someone couldn't find the house number. Personally, Mrs. Pardee said she would like to review this ordinance in the context of the zoning code.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to table Ordinance 2017-02 to Update and Correlate University Heights' Codified Ordinances 1446.01 and 1498.15 in Reference to Street Numbers as they appear on Buildings in the City. On roll call, all voted aye.

D. Ordinance 2017-04 Amending Codified Ordinances Section 212.01 Entitled "Advertising Requirements; Bids" (on passage)

Mrs. Pardee asked about the participation form.

Mr. McConville replied that he had provided a form for the Mayor to review and added that the form will go out with bids specs. The form can be modified to provide Council with the information that they desire at any time without having to come back to Council.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. RACH Ordinance 2017-04 Amending Codified Ordinances Section 212.01 Entitled "Advertising Requirements; Bids". On roll call, all voted aye.

E. Resolution 2017-05 Approving Pick-Up of Service Credit for Bargaining Unit Members Per OAC 742-7-14 (A) Division of Fire

Mr. McConville stated that this will also allow employees of the Fire Department to make contributions to buy back service time on a pre-tax basis.

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON for the passage of Resolution 2017-05 Approving Pick-Up of Service Credit for Bargaining Unit Members Per OAC 742-7-14 (A) Division of Fire. On roll call, all voted "aye."

F. Ordinance 2017-06 Amending Codified Ordinance Section 672.08 Entitled "Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle: Vehicle Trespass

Police Chief Hammett stated that currently there is no Ordinance to charge persons who entering vehicles without the owner's permission on private property, this Ordinance would allow for persons to be charged with vehicle trespassing.

Mr. McConville stated that this Ordinance broadens the previous Ordinance by adding Section C - which states "no person shall knowingly enter into or upon an aircraft, motor vehicle, motorcycle or other motor-propelled vehicle with the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent.

Mr. Wiseman questioned if this Ordinance should be approved on emergency since Chief Hammett stated that this a situation like this had occurred recently.

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to amend Ordinance 2017-06 to add the emergency clause because conduct is currently occurring and the City desires to be able to enforce the Ordinance as soon as possible for the safety of the community. On roll call, all voted "aye."

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to approve Ordinance 2017-06 2017-06 Amending Codified Ordinance Section 672.08 Entitled "Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle: Vehicle Trespass. Roll call of suspension of the rules, all voted "aye," and roll call on passage, all voted "aye."

G. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to enter into MOU for Services Related to Ohio EPA MS-4; Small Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health

Mr. Pokorny stated that there are six (6) minimum control elements that the City is required to perform every year. In the past, the County Board of Health has provided four of those items; they are currently splitting those responsibilities up between the Cuyahoga Board of Health and the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. There is no cost to the city for this as it is paid through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

The Board of Health will provide the City with the #3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination and #6 the Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations as required by the Ohio EPA as part of the Phase II MS4 storm water discharge permit that was issued to the City by the Ohio EPA.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL Authorizing the Mayor to enter into MOU for Services Related to Ohio EPA MS-4; Small Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. On roll call, all voted "aye."

H. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to enter into MOU for Services Related to Ohio EPA MS-4; Small Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit with the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District

Mr. Pokorny stated that these are services that the Cuyahoga County Board of Health used to provide but will now be provided by the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. There is a \$5500 cost to the City for this; but those monies will be refunded back to the City by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District once the City has paid the Soil & Water Conservation District.

Mayor Infeld added that these are requirements of the EPA.

MOTION BY MR. RACH, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL Authorizing the Mayor to enter into MOU for Services Related to Ohio EPA MS-4; Small Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit with the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. On roll call, all voted "aye."

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

Mayor Infeld reported that there is a need to hold an executive session for the purposes personnel and legal matters.

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MRS. WEISS to hold an executive session for the purposes personnel and legal matters. On roll call, all voted "aye."

Directors' Reports

Finance Department

Mayor Infeld reported that she is still in the process of interviewing candidates.

Mayor Infeld also reported that there will be another gas line replacement project, additional information will be provided once known.

There were no other Director reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

Building Committee: Mr. Wiseman stated the Building Committee met on January 31 and discussed the size of house numbers on dwellings. Mr. Brown will work with Mr. McConville on the following items: if the code requires homeowners to register as contractors, what is the process of certifying contractors/tradesmen as such to work in the city, coming up with legislation/strategy to have the city push the cost of keeping vacant houses up to code to the foreclosing party if the house becomes vacant during the foreclosure.

Civic Information Committee: Mr. Rach informed everyone that the Technology Committee will be meeting.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Pardee stated that the committee will meet once a new Finance Director is in place. There will be a Council Committee of the Whole next week regarding Sanctuary Cities.

Governmental Affairs: Mrs. Weiss stated that there was a joint Governmental Affairs/Civic Information and Finance Committee meeting where they brainstormed ways on how to enhance the city. Joint meetings such as this will occur monthly.

Recreation Committee: Mrs. Cameron reported that the committee will meet to discuss the dates for the pending annual Bike Rodeo.

Service/Utilities Committee: Mr. Sims stated that the committee met on January 18 reviewed the city's vehicles and equipment, proposed acquisitions for 2017, tree planting on private property.

There were no other committee reports.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to adjourn Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session. On roll call, all voted "aye."

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to 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

