Mayor Infeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Susan Pardee

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

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

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting March 6, 2017

Mr. Sims noted on page 3, item C, paragraph 3 to correct why to “way”.

There were other corrections or additions to the March 6, 2017 Council minutes.

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to approve the Council minutes from March 6, 2017 as corrected. On roll call, all voted “aye,” expect Mr. Sims who “passed.”

Comments from Audience

- Mr. Louis Newman, 3861 Washington – stated that with the new community park he has seen an increase in the amount of pedestrian traffic at the corner of Silsby and Fenwick. Noting that the traffic signal had been previously removed because it wasn’t justified and asked if that could be readdressed due to the increase of pedestrian traffic to the park.

Mayor’s Report to Community

Mayor Infeld provided the following report.
- Ethics training will be offered at Tri-C Metro campus on June 22
- Career Fair at the Polaris Career Center in Middleburg Heights on March 29 from 9am – 12noon; there will be 75 employers there with job openings
- The City is joining party with other municipalities in a lawsuit citing small cell phone towers law as unconstitutional
- Cleveland Heights is starting it’s repaving of Cedar Road
- University Heights has been declared Tree City USA for 2016

Agenda Items:

A. Presentation of the 2015 Master Plan for the City of University Heights by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

Mr. Jim Sonhalter and Mr. Michael Streyker Cuyahoga County Planning Commission presented a overview to everyone which summarized the city 2015 Master Plan. The reasoning behind having a Master Plan involves having community input on the plan which is intended to shape and prepare the City for the future. Mr. Sonhalter stated that public involvement in creating a Master Plan is critical and that there were four meetings with the community to develop the actual Master Plan document. The plan
consists of: introduction, current conditions, community vision and goals/action implementation. Other
moving parts of the plan are: major issues & actions, community images – issues – actions, commercial
design guidelines, housing issues and actions, John Carroll University, economic development actions,
regional collaboration (issues/actions). There were six project team meetings with four steering
committee meetings a work on the implementation of the Master Plan. In order to keep the plan as a
living document it needs to be adopted, used and kept updated.

Mr. Siebert, 2645 Whiton Road voiced his opinion that the City is only 1.9 sq. miles and didn’t need a
public square and that Cedar/Taylor has a lot of valuable land that could be developed to help with the
loss of housing stock – this should be included in the Master Plan.

Mayor Infeld stated that the 2016 Master Plan is on the City’s website for viewing.

B. Ordinance 2017-08 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund
(101) to Street Fund (201), Street Lighting (204), Capital Projects (401), Police
Pension (601), and Fire Pension (602). And Transfer from the Off-Street
Parking Fund (203) to the General Fund (on first reading)

Mayor Infeld stated that this Ordinance transfers from the General Fund: $500,000 to the Street Fund; $20,000
to the Street Lighting Fund; $400,000 to the Capital Projects Fund; $200,000 to the Capital Fund; $200,000 to
the Police Pension Fund; $200,000 to the Fire Pension Fund and closes out an old Off-Street Parking Fund
which hasn’t been used in year by transferring from it $396.28 back into the General Fund.

Mr. Wiseman asked Mayor Infeld what the $400,000 in the Capital Projects Fund was for.

Mayor Infeld replied that fund will be used to begin payments of some of the project scheduled for 2017.
Mayor Infeld said she would have additional information for the next City Council meeting.

Ordinance 2017-08 was placed on first reading.

C. Resolution 2017-10 in Support of a Grant Application from the Ohio Arts
Council Artstart Program in Support of Public Art at the Northeast Corner
of the Intersection of Cedar and South Taylor Roads

Mayor Infeld stated that a community meeting where the Administration proposed a statement gateway at
Cedar/Taylor so that when people enter University Heights they will see some enhancements. This grant will
allow for the start of development in that area. The Ohio Arts Council Artstart grants are small grant between
$1,000 - $5,000.

Mr. Rach comment that he was at the community meeting and that this would be an excellent addition and will
fit very well with the Cedar/Taylor improvements that are being looked into. Mr. Rach recommended that the
art piece have the ability to be relocated in that area if needed as future development in that area arises.

Mr. Wiseman asked Mayor Infeld if she knew what information the grant asking for at this time.

Mayor Infeld replied that currently the Administration was just asking for grant dollars. And noted that an
initial meeting was held on March 7 and additional community meetings will also take place to decide what
artwork to explore to enhance the neighborhood and create a gathering place.

MOTION BY MR. ERTEL, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS approving Resolution 2017-10 in Support of a
Grant Application from the Ohio Arts Council Artstart Program in Support of Public Art at the
Northeast Corner of the Intersection of Cedar and South Taylor Roads. On suspension of the rules, all
voted “aye” and on passage, all voted “aye,” except Mrs. Cameron, who “passed.”
D. Motion to purchase pool chemicals from SAL Chemical for the 2017 Summer Season

Mr. Pokorny informed that as customary bids were received and opened by the City of Mayfield Heights for the purchase of pool chemicals for 2017. Two bids were received from SAL Chemical and from OP Aquatics with the following prices: Sodium Hypo (SAL: $0.94 / OP Aquatics $1.25), Muratic (SAL: $30.00 / OP Aquatics $50.00) and BiCarb (SAL: $13.95 / OP Aquatics $20.00). Mr. Pokorny recommended the purchase of pool chemicals from SAL Chemical.

MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to accept the bid from SAL Chemical as the lowest and best bid in an amount not to exceed $8,000. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

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

MOTION BY MR. RACH, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing legal and real estate matters. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Directors’ Reports

Police Chief Steven Hammett reported that two juveniles were arrested in a series of bank robberies.

Mrs. Weiss asked Chief Hammett if he noticed any increase of pedestrian traffic crossing the Silsby and Fenwick intersection. Chief Hammett replied he hadn’t but that he would imply traffic counters in that area to see if a change is needed, but to his opinion the four-way stop sign has been sufficient.

Mr. Sims asked when would the traffic study be done. Chief Hammett replied in June. Mr. Ciuni added that that signal was never justified because of traffic volume but because there was a nearby school.

City Engineer Joseph Ciuni reported that Cleveland Heights will be resurfacing Cedar Road in March and Perk is the contractor.

Mr. Wiseman asked about the gas line construction on South Green Road and if the work will be continued where there is only one lane of traffic during the weekend. If so, could the City put up flashers to indicate such to the people who walk along South Green Road.

Mr. Ciuni replied that during the project two lanes will always be maintain, one lane each way. Once the traffic zones are setup, they remain that way until the end of the project. Mr. Ciuni added that it isn’t the City’s project but that he would see what he could do regarding having some type of markings to alert the vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

There were no other Director reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Information: Mr. Rach reported that the Joint Civic Information/Finance and Governmental Affair Committees met and discussed: (1) video for Council Chambers (presentations), (2) wi-fi for the park and pool (consider contacting free wi-fi service providers that a City could use).

Mayor Infeld stated that having wi-fi at the pool has been brought up in the past and that the City Administration had contacted its insurer regarding liability and legal aspects of the City offering a service to its residents so that they could use their electronic devices and where they may not watch their children. And, if something were to happen to their children the City has determined that it is the City’s pool it could expose the City to additional risk because it provided the wi-fi service.

Mr. Rach asked if that was the case if it was wi-fi provided by the City, because he was speaking of using an outside agency like AT&T or Spectrum.

The Mayor again stated she wouldn’t recommend having wi-fi service of any sort at the pool and noted she would speak with legal counsel.

Mr. Wiseman noted that at the previous meeting residents were speaking about having wi-fi at the pool and community park and asked the Mayor if she was saying that if Council were to recommend having wi-fi available that the Administration would not those available due to the liability issues she identified.
Mayor Infeld replied she wasn’t going to do anything that would create an unsafe environment for users at the pool.

Noting she was concerned about children being safe at the pool and that she would like to explore the liability. But, the feedback that the Administration had from the staff and the pool management is that anything that would encourage parents to not watch their children is not creating a safe environment for the children at the pool and that she would not encourage that. Mayor Infeld said she was not comfortable promoting something that might make children less safe at the pool.

Mr. McConville said he would look into it some case law regarding that.

Mayor Infeld commented if someone were to use wi-fi from one of the nearby apartments or some other aspect that would be something that the City could control. But for the City to know that there was free wi-fi at the pool and if that wi-fi was causing unsafe environment that was something she wouldn’t condone.

Mr. Wiseman commented that people have cell phones that have internet ability should be prohibited then.

Mrs. Cameron noted that the original request was for wi-fi at the park and not specifically at the pool. And asked Mayor Infeld to provide Council with the name of the City’s insurance provider.

Mayor Infeld replied that the City is in a consortium with 10 other cities for insurance and is self-insured by NORMA.

Mr. Rach said that was one of the most common request he’s had since he’s been on Council besides providing doggy bags at the park.

**Governmental Affairs Committee** Mrs. Weiss stated that there was a joint meeting of the Governmental Affairs, Finance and Civic Information which was extremely productive. The discussion regarded the $300,000 city enhancement set-aside and they will have monthly meetings until everything is finalized. The committees did recommend setting aside $10,000 for short-term projects, many of which won’t reach that amount but will be related to community engagements and will get the residents and businesses involved. At the next meeting, some of the events will begin to be planned and will discuss the remainder of the funding.

There were no other committee reports.

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

**MOTION BY MR. WISEMAN, SECONDED BY MR. SIMS 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