

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Sheri Sax
Mr. John Rach
Mr. Justin Gould
Mr. Brian King
Mr. Christopher Cooney

Absent: Mrs. Michele Weiss
Mrs. Barbara Blankfeld

Also Present: Law Director Luke McConville
Clerk of Council Kelly Thomas
Finance Director Dennis Kennedy
Fire Chief Robert Perko
Police Chief Dustin Rogers
Housing and Community Development Geoff Englebrecht
Economic Development Susan Drucker
City Engineer Joseph Ciuni
Communications and Civil Engagement Mike Cook
Service Director Jeffrey Pokorny

MOTION BY MR. RACH, SECONDED BY MR. GOULD to excuse the absence of Mrs. Weiss and Mrs. Blankfeld. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Approval of Council Minutes:

Council Meeting September 6, 2022

There were no corrections or additions to the September 6, 2022 minutes.

MOTION BY MR. COONEY, SECONDED BY MR. RACH to approve the September 6, 2022 Council Minutes.

Mrs. Sax made the following comment and requested that it be done verbatim - I'm not sure the public knows, but these minutes are 89 pages long. And it is, but first I want to acknowledge Mrs. Thomas for writing out verbatim was quite a quite a yeoman's job. But I'd like to say that it may kind of unnecessary due to some unsubstantiated slander, that has become a pattern whether it's President's Council's, or esteemed guests, that's unbecoming of our city's leadership. As it contributes to a divisive environment. And I want to make really clear to differentiate something that's an attack than something that's a healthy debate and disagreement are one of them. Because we disagree it should be on the merit of the issues and not on the merit of the people.

Mayor Brennan responded that to require the Clerk of Council to do a verbatim transcript of minutes, which are supposed to be a summary of business that is conducted is a waste of city resources.

Mrs. Sax stated that there will be verbatim requests when the words that are spoken attack people, rather than discuss the issues in a healthy forum. Mrs. Sax said that she has asked for portions be written verbatim because people need to know what goes on in these meetings.

On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Council Meeting November 7, 2022

MOTION BY MR. KING, SECONDED BY MR. COONEY to table the November 7, 2022 to allow Council time to review the November 7, 2022 Council Minutes. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Additions and Removals from the Agenda; Referrals to Committee

Mayor Brennan asked for a motion to table agenda item “G” Motion to Award Contract to CA Agresta for the Washington Silsby Saybrook Intersection Modifications Project in an amount not to exceed \$297,774.00 be tabled and placed on the next City Council Agenda because the companion item to accept funding from NEORSD supplemental funding is not on the agenda.

Mr. Cooney asked if there were any timeline concerns.

Mayor Brennan replied that the project will be done in April or Spring of 2023.

MOTION BY MR. COONEY, MR. GOULD to table agenda item “G” Motion to Award Contract to CA Agresta for the Washington Silsby Saybrook Intersection Modifications Project in an amount not to exceed \$297,774.00. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Comments from Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor, and the taking of action thereon:Mayor’s Report

The in-person University Heights Civic Awards returned to the campus of John Carroll University. The event was a celebration of some of the people who are working hard to make our city an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family.

For the record, the award recipients included members of the Juneteenth Committee (Faye Benson, Dr. Alicia Sloan, Luwauna Anderson and Saundra Berry). Stephen Wertheim was named Citizen of the Year. Judge Anne Walton Keller was Public Servant of the Year. Kimberly Kirkhoff and Maggie Balzano were the Employees of the Year, while Jeune Drayton and Sgt. Marc Imbrogno were named Co-Workers of the Year. Pizzazz on the Circle was recognized in honor of their 30th anniversary. Tina Reynolds is Educator of the Year. The following received Good Neighbor Awards: Collin Kennedy & Zachary Sinutko, Dr. Breanna Kebort, Dr. Chrystal Bruce, Elizabeth Englehart, Jeffrey Pearl, Lt. Kevin Vonhaz, Michelle Fowler, Rick Brenner, Wendy and Robin Gernsheimer. Thank you to all who attended and presented. We’re already looking forward to next year’s event.

Thank you to 1-888-OHIO-COMP for donating 75 Heinen’s gift cards for distribution to University Heights residents for the holiday season. This year we notified residents via ready notify, and cards were claimed within 30 minutes. Thank you to two pairs of city residents who wish to remain anonymous for donating an additional 15 gift cards. That’s 90 gift cards in the mail this Thanksgiving season. Happy Thanksgiving one and all.

Looking ahead to December, it is the return of the annual sock drive. A fresh, dry pair of warm socks is much desired and requested item this time of year at local shelters. We will accept donations of new socks at City Hall and other locations to be announced after Thanksgiving. Look for details the week of November 28th and in the City eNews next week. Or bring your socks to the next City Council meeting!

Never miss a community event again. The University Heights Community Calendar, powered by Yodel, is up and running. Create a free account today so you can keep up to date on community events in and around University Heights. We’ve partnered with over 30 groups and organizations on the calendar. To sign up, go to universityheights.com.

Speaking of upcoming dates, there is a rescheduled join meeting of governments – City government of CH and UH, the CH-UH School Board, the Heights Library Board – for Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 6:30PM, Heights High School Auditorium.

A week ago tonight, I had the honor of addressing the Webelos Cub Scout Troop 620 at Gesu as part of their "Building a Better World" adventure. Part of my charge was to raise with them and discuss an important issue facing this community.

I shared with them this:

This might seem like a surprisingly obvious thing. A simple thing. One that everyone here can understand. We all need to treat each other better. We need to be understanding. We need to listen as much as we talk. We need to be respectful of each other and of our differences. It's ok to disagree. And no one should hate anyone else over mere disagreement. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion.

That said, I would quote Black American writer James Baldwin, who once said: "We can disagree and still love each other unless your disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist."

We don't have to agree with each other. But we do have to respect each other. We have to live and let live. Freedom and respect mean we do not oppress others, we do not tell someone that they have no place in our society. We must not discriminate against people based upon their race, their religion, their gender, their age. We must not prejudge people. We must eliminate our prejudices. And we have to actively seek to eliminate prejudice, and treat people fairly, and respectfully, and equitably.

And since we were meeting in the basement at Gesu, I asked the room, whether they all knew the prayer of St. Francis. And we went over it.

I'm not going to recite it here, not in a public meeting. The office of mayor is not a religious office. I do not lead public prayers. I have to be a mayor for people of all faiths – and of no faith.

Nevertheless in this particular prayer are some truths that are greater – universal – certainly bigger than any one religious tradition. I think we could all benefit from remembering them as a society. To bring love, to bring hope, to bring joy. To be understood as to understand.

It all starts where we live. With ourselves and our neighbors here in University Heights. It is something we must all do better together.

And sometimes we will mess up. We will call someone a name. We will call someone our enemy. We may tell them that we hate them. We may fight them, with words, or even with fists.

When we mess up, we must resolve to do better. And then we must be better.

And from there, the scouts had some great questions, everything from questions about public safety, to what is my favorite ice cream.

Finally, on a somber note. For thirty-five years, the City of Cleveland had not lost a firefighter in the line of duty. That changed over the weekend, when Firefighter Johnny Tetrick, a 27 year career firefighter, was struck and killed on the job at a collision scene on I-90. Fire crews had reported to a collision scene. Seemingly, one motorist tried to drive around the emergency vehicles, and he hit Johnny. A suspect has been taken into custody.

Anytime a firefighter is lost in the line of duty, the brotherhood that are firefighters come together, and mourn together the loss of their brother or sister. This one is however especially personal for me, as I first met Johnny Tetrick when we were both children.

The Johnny Tetrick I remember most is the fellow 6 year old I played kickball with at recess at Austinburg Elementary School. I remember he had the biggest smile in the first grade.

I do not want to pretend we were close, when we weren't. He was a wrestler, and I was in the band. We didn't stay in regular contact. But I always knew him to see him, and we always said hi when we saw each other. Being in the same class in high school, we had occasion to run into each other now and then. It has been awhile since I had seen him, but I knew he was a Cleveland Firefighter. Running into him one night a few years back, we had talked about his work, and compared what we were both doing to serve.

Each and every person in every profession has a life full of experiences, with people they love and who love them back. Johnny was no different, leaving behind a wife and three kids, and countless friends and Clevelanders whose lives he touched over his short 51 years on this Earth. My condolences to them all.

Let this be a reminder, when we are on the roads, operating automobiles, to be safe and be smart. Is there any place we need to be so badly, that we should try to maneuver around a freeway accident scene with emergency fire crew on the ground?

Firefighter Tetrick, like all the men and women in our fire and police departments, was prepared to put his life on the line to protect ours. But harm should not come to anyone needlessly. We must all look out for each other, and be careful out there.

Governor DeWine ordered flags at half-staff around the state of Ohio for Johnny Tetrick. They will remain down until sundown the day of his interment.

And this concludes my report.

Report and Communications from City Council, and the taking of action thereon

There were City Council reports.

Reading and Disposition of Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Consideration of Agenda Items:

A. Update from Law Director on HB 563 and Discussion of Short-Term Rental Regulations

Mr. McConville provided the following update. House Bill 563 was introduced in Ohio House earlier this year that would react to local definitions of short-term rental units. The bill indicates that: (1) municipalities cannot enact an ordinance or regulations that prohibits operation short term rental units across the board; (2) further limits municipal the regulation of short-term rentals to anything that is catered towards health and safety for the prohibition of certain activities such as the sale of illicit drugs, or the promotion of prostitution, etc. Mr. McConville added that he thought that this legislation would have been passed by now and has not heard what the likelihood of passage is. Given the point that the legislation has been delayed, Mr. McConville said that he thought it would be appropriate for Council to referred this to the Building and Housing Committee to discuss local regulations with respect to short term limits with focus on the health and safety issues that we know will not be impacted whether or not this legislation passed. Other Ordinances in Northeast Ohio include things like registration and licensing requirements, there are ordinances that limit the number of days that one can you can use particular residential structures. So, there are some precedents out there that can be taken into consideration to help the committee meeting develop something appropriate for the city.

B. Ordinance 2022-56 Accepting Opioid Settlement Funds and Directing Placement of Such Funds in a Separate Fund, and Declaring an Emergency (on third reading and emergency)

Mr. Kennedy stated that the administration needs to establish a separate fund in which to places the funds based on the terms of compliance and reporting back to the State Auditor. Currently the city has received \$2,6000 and that is being held temporary in the General Fund.

Mr. Gould reported that this had been referred to the Safety Committee and that they discussed potential plans for use of the funds at the October 2022 meeting. At that time the committee was informed that the city did not have or might have specific programs such as publications or other programs to use the money for. Mr. Gould said that he requested additional documents from the Law Director in relation to the grant funding and those documents were emailed on October 26. The next Safety Committee meeting was cancelled to allow for the City to hold an executive session on a different matter and that both the Fire and Police Chief had informed Mr. Gould that they did not have anything pressing for that November meeting. With all that the next Safety Committee meeting will be on December 5 at which time this will be further discussed as to what if anything should be done with the funds. And also, whether or not the proposed publication, and advertising of the separate program would be appropriate use of funds given the restrictions that have been outlined.

Mayor Brennan stated that the city is looking at receiving approx. \$2,600 annually and those funds could be used to shore up other programs the city already has as opposed to creating a new program that uses \$2,600 annually.

Fire Chief Perko commented that they spoke about some already established programs in the region and using the funds to create a publication to publish those already established programs.

Mr. Gould asked if the Fire Chief when he said shoring up existing programs by fortification, supplement or additions to the actual programs or just advertising those programs.

Chief Perko replied just the advertisements.

Mr. Gould asked Mr. McConville for his opinion to the section in the restrictions that talked about publications and advertisements which seems to be limited in scope to what could be an advertisement. This item will be further discussed at the December Safety Committee meeting.

MOTION BY MR. GOULD, SECONDED BY MRS. SAX to Keep Ordinance 2022-56 Accepting Opioid Settlement Funds and Directing Placement of Such Funds in a Separate Fund, and Declaring an Emergency tabled until the next meeting. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

C. Ordinance 2022-69 Establishing Permanent Appropriations for the Year Ending December 31, 2023 and Declaring an Emergency (on second reading)

Mayor Brennan stated that for the 2023 budget, City Council and the Finance Committee Chair in particular, asked for three things: (1) That the budget be proposed this Fall for passage this year. And he did present the budget in October as requested; (2) That the budget be balanced. And he presented a balanced budget; and (3) Finally, and perhaps most controversially, that I make no proposal for expenditures for modernizing our methods of solid waste pickup, to defer that discussion until after the budget. And even though he disagreed with this, he respected it, and honored it, and proposed no such expenditures at this time.

Mayor Brennan said that he has met all three requests. In return, he simply would like his budget passed. There have been two finance committee meetings. There are no changes that need to be made to balance the budget. There are no further expenditures that the administration seeks.

Mayor Brennan said that he attended the last finance committee meeting. It appeared that there were some cuts that might be proposed in order to buy some additional fire vehicles, including an ambulance, but this ambulance is not due for replacement until at least 2024. After consulting with the Fire Chief, the administration is not seeking this additional fire equipment in the 2023 budget. Accordingly, as this is second reading, he asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance and approve the budget.

Mr. Rach said that in regards to the ambulance it was his understanding that they needed to appropriate in 2023 in order to get it built and to into our firehouse by 2024.

Mr. Brennan said “That is not what the administration or fire department is seeking.”

Mr. Rach said “So if it’s not in the ‘23 budget, you won’t have it in ‘24.”

Mr. Brennan said “Right we would be seeking to have it in the ‘24 budget”

Mr. Rach said “To have in ‘25 then?”

Mayor Brennan said to have when it’s ready.

MOTION BY MR. KING for adoption, but there was no second.

Mr. Cooney commented that it was his understanding from the most recent finance meeting was that there were some adjustments made to allocate funds for this ambulance. Given that Mrs. Weiss, Chairperson of the Finance Committee was not at the last finance meeting and nor is she at this council meeting Mr. Cooney said he would prefer to table this particular issue to allow this be finalized when she returns. Council is 95% there with the budget appropriations and he would like everybody present and on board with any approvals. Mr. Cooney added that they are ahead of where they were last year and that it was his understanding that nobody will be impacted if this is tabled until the next council meeting.

Mr. Rach said that he did not know if there was a need to table this item because it is on second reading and that the Finance Committee has not made a motion to send this to Council yet so this is a little premature. There is a Joint Finance Committee meeting on December 8th to review two dozen or so flagged items.

Mr. McConville commented that because this is on second reading Council should do one of three things: (1) pass the legislation; (2) reject the legislation; or (3) table the legislation.

MOTION BY MR. COONEY to table.

Mayor Brennan stated that there were two outstanding motions on the floor, neither of which had a second motion thus as a matter parliamentary procedure the motion to table takes precedence.

Mr. Cooney noted that he did not want to give an impression but it was his concern that if council were to accept the budget with open items that need to be resolved and to not passed, gives an indication that it is unfavorable which it's not. Mr. Cooney said he thought that tabling may be the most appropriate action.

MOTION BY MR. COONEY, SECONDED BY MR. RACH to table Ordinance 2022-69 Establishing Permanent Appropriations for the Year Ending December 31, 2023 until the December 19th Council meeting after the Finance Committee meeting on December 8 upon a motion by the Finance Committee to present the budget to the Council for approval.

Mayor Brennan suggested to Finance Director Mr. Kennedy that the administration prepare for the next council meeting a continuing Resolution for the new year in the event that the Finance Committee is unable to complete their deliberation on this budget. Mayor Brennan said that he did not want to find that at the December 19 Council meeting where for some reason this item is not passed there will be the need to call a Special Council meeting. So, having a temporary appropriation budget in the event the permanent budget doesn't get pass will prevent the possibility of not having a budget at years end.

Mr. Gould asked what happens with the legislation being on seconded reading if there were substantial changes made to the attachment labeled "A"?

Mr. McConville replied that council would undertake a motion to amend and depending on how substantial the amendments are it could be as though it was on first reading and he would recommend that council were to adopt it that the rules be suspended and the legislation adopted, or read it as amended and consider it a first reading to come up for its next reading at the next council meeting.

Mr. Gould noted and asked as a procedural matter if this was returned from table as it is with the current attachment and if there were substantial amendments had been made and approved by the Finance Committee would council be able to amend this item from the floor, suspend the rule and pass that budget? And not need to placed it on as emergency approval prior to the meeting.

Mr. McConville replied that was correct.

On roll call, all voted "aye."

D. Ordinance 2022-72 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund (100) to the CIC Fund (800) and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Brennan stated that Ordinance 2022-72 is introduced by Vice Mayor Michele Weiss and asked if there was anyone present to speak to this in Mrs. Weiss' absence.

Mr. Gould stated that in reviewing the CIC Funding Vice Mayor Weiss spoke with Mr. Kennedy, to review whether or not the transfer of funds to the CIC had been made this year. Since it was believed that the transfer had not been made this motion is in order to achieve that transfer, which was previously contemplated by the budget.

Mr. Kennedy added that the original budget contained a provision for a transfer of \$25,000 counseled already approved transfer of about \$8,600 to fund the survey. That amount has already been recorded and the \$16,000 is the balance of the \$25,000

Mr. King asked what the funds would be used for and what the current balance of the CIC funds

Mr. Kennedy replied that would be at the discretion of the CIC Board. The CIC would vote on including that amount in their budget, which is council approved and then spend the funds on whatever the CIC discusses and votes on. Mr. Kennedy added that he was not aware of anything pending. The current balance is approximately \$56,000.

Mr. Cooney asked if and if there were any outstanding invoices that would require funds from the CIC.

Mr. Kennedy said that he believed the only outstanding liability is an open purchase order for legal services in the amount of about \$390 in event there is a bill and that he was not aware of any bills currently in process.

Mr. Rach commented he believed that since the formation of the CIC, the city council has approved the transfer of \$25,000 to the CIC annually. So, this would be just another annual transfer and then in the 2023 budget, it's budgeted that we transfer another \$25,000. This is normal annual business practice for that transfer of funds that had not happened yet this year.

Mr. Gould made noted that Mr. McConville had provided his notice to the CIC of his intention to withdraw as counsel for the CIC. That has placed the CIC into a position requiring the CIC to retain its own counsel. So, there are anticipated additional legal bills to review several matters. The CIC intends on undergoing a review of the bylaws and there is a potential for litigation. For all of those reasons Mr. Gould thought transferring the requested amount would be prudent. Mr. McConville has provided to the CIC a list of names of individuals who may be appropriate to fill that position, should they be selected by the CIC.

Mayor Brennan said that the CIC met on November 9 and as he had stated at that meeting, the administration will not support any further transfer of resources, no money, no real property to the CIC, unless or until there is an agreement and the implementation for a restructure of the organization. Mayor Brennan said that he would not authorize further funds to be transferred to the CIC at this time. If the board will not work together to make the changes, then the CIC may simply wither on the vine with no more public dollars transferred to it. The CIC may spend on what it has and go dormant or we can restructure and then work together again on real estate projects as we originally intended and stated on the public record when we created the CIC. More optimistically, Mayor Brennan believed that the \$56,000 on account is sufficient to effectuate a restructure if that restructure is going to happen. Lastly, Mayor Brennan said to put it another way, if this legislation passes this evening, he would veto it.

MOTION BY MR. RACH, SECONDED BY MRS. SAX to Approve Ordinance 2022-72 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund (100) to the CIC Fund (800) and Declaring an Emergency. Roll call on the Suspension of the rules. All voted "aye," except Mr. King, who voted "nay."

Mr. McConville stated that that was not a passage of the suspension of the rules. In order for the rules to be suspended there needs to be a supermajority of five. So, the ordinance will go on second reading.

Mr. Rach asked if he could remove his motion for the emergency.

Mr. McConville replied no, because it would have to be approved on emergency in order to pass without having two readings.

Mr. Gould asked if it could be passed on emergency at the next council meeting.

Mr. McConville replied yes or council could amend to remove the emergency clause and pass on a second reading and it would become effective in 30 days.

Mr. Gould said he would prefer for it to be approved on emergency so that it takes affect as soon as possible.

Mr. McConville stated that the vote on suspension failed and the measure moves to second reading at the next meeting.

Ordinance 2022-72 was placed on seconded reading.

E. Resolution 2022-73 In Support of an Application for a Grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Community Cost-Share Program for a Stormwater Management and Relief Sewer Project at the Intersection of E. Scarborough and Canterbury Road (on Emergency)

Mr. Ciuni stated that the next two agenda items work together and involves the sanitary relief sewer that is to be put in from the intersection of East Scarborough and Canterbury down to Meadowbrook. The city

received a grant for 50% of this project cost from this Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Mr. Ciuni asking the Sewer District if we could use our community cost sharing dollars for the other 50% of this project and they have agreed to that. The 50% is approximately \$86,000 and the entire project is approximately \$173,000. In the end the project will be 100% funded.

Mr. Rach commented that council was told that this project was being funded 100% by other entities so if the city does not receive the additional 50% would the city still be required to complete the agree and fund that 50%.

Mr. Ciuni replied that the city committed to the project because it had already accepted 50% of the money and committed the other 50% with city funding but Mr. Ciuni found another 50% so now the project is 100% funded by outside entities.

Mayor Brennan asked Mr. Ciuni if there was a set of circumstances in which the city would not get the additional 50% and be require to proceed with the project?

Mr. Ciuni replied no, the city just has to sign the agreement.

Mr. McConville added that only if the city did not have the cost sharing funds, would the administration be obligated to come back and seek council approval for an allocation of the balance.

Mr. Rach asked if the grants are received and is the project then 100% covered?

Mr. Ciuni answered yes, the project would be covered 100% other than the construction inspections cost of \$7,500 as discussed in the finance committee meeting.

Mr. Rach clarified that the grants would cover everything including the design engineering fees but not the construction inspections.

Mr. Ciuni said that was correct and that the rules for the construction inspection are up to the local city.

MOTION BY MR. COONEY, SECONDED BY MR. RACH to approve Resolution 2022-73 In Support of an Application for a Grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Community Cost-Share Program for a Stormwater Management and Relief Sewer Project at the Intersection of E. Scarborough and Canterbury Road on Emergency. Roll call on the suspension of the rules, all voted “aye.” Roll call on passage, all voted “aye.”

F. Motion to Enter into Agreement with NEORS D for Community Cost-Share Agreement between NEORS D and University Heights for the East Scarborough and Canterbury Relief Sewer Project

Mr. Rach noted that there was a listed probable construction cost of \$148,903 and since it has not been bid out yet, how would that work if the cost did not align with the probable construction cost?

Mr. Ciuni said that the project has not been designed yet but the project would be brought back to council once it is fully designed.

MOTION BY MR. COONEY, SECONDED BY MR. RACH to approve Entering into Agreement with NEORS D for Community Cost-Share Agreement between NEORS D and University Heights for the East Scarborough and Canterbury Relief Sewer Project. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

G. Motion to Award Contract to CA Agresta for the Washington Silsby Saybrook Intersection Modifications Project in an amount not to exceed \$297,774.00 Authorizing the Purchase of a Replacement Leaf Vacuum Trailer

This item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting.

H. Motion to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Discussing Legal Proceedings, Personnel and Real Estate Matters

Mayor Brennan stated that the administration had one personnel matter that it wished to follow up with council.

MOTION BY MR. GOULD, SECONDED BY MR. KING to Enter Executive Session for the discussion of Personnel Matters. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

Director’s Reports

Finance Department – Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy met with the city auditors to review things prior to year’s end to prepare for the audit which will begin January, 2023.

Service Department – Mr. Pokorny

Loose leaf collection is halfway through the third pass of the city. The tree planting project is completed and the tree pruning project will start in December.

There were no other director reports.

Standing Council Committees:

Economic Development – Mr. Rach

Mr. Rach stated that the Zoning review meetings will begin in January.

Finance Committee – In the absence of Mrs. Weiss, Mr. Rach reported that finance and finance advisory committee had their first meeting regarding the draft budget and anticipate the final meeting in the next two weeks on December 8th at 6pm where they will review a few budget items.

Service Committee – Mrs. Sax

Mrs. Sax announced the next Service Committee meeting would be January 4, 2023 at 6pm. Council will go on a tour of the Shaker Heights Service Department on November 22 at 4pm. That will be the last of the facilities assessment tours.

Committee of the Whole – Mrs. Weiss

Mr. Rach reported that the Council Committee of the Whole and the Facilities Committee met last week to tour the Solon Service yard and facilities. As Mrs. Sax reported the last facilities will be at the Shaker Heights Service facility.

Reports of special committees, and the taking of action thereon

None

Unfinished and miscellaneous business

None

MOTION BY MR. KING, SECONDED BY MR. GOULD to exit executive session and re-enter regular session. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm

Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council