
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
HELD: FEBRUARY 26, 2019
8:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, Hargate, Lombardo, Mastrangelo, Murphy, Stickan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Fire Chief Turner; Police Chief Cook; Service Director Evans; Building Commissioner Grabfelder; Finance Director Filippo; City Engineer Mader; Law Director Paluf

The Meeting was called to order by Council Clerk Cahill.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mr. Hargate moved to confirm the appointment of Lisa Marie Stickan as Council President; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. No other nominations were made. Ayes all; motion carried. Ms. Stickan thanked Council for their unanimous support and looks forward to working with everyone.

ACTION ON MINUTES: The reading of the Minutes of a Council Meeting held February 12, 2019 was dispensed with. Mr. Hargate moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Turner distributed the 2018 Annual Fire Report at the last Council Meeting and was available to answer any questions or comments. Chief Turner stated the Fire Department will be attending a Health Safety Fair tomorrow evening at Millridge School from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Cook commented on item #1, the annual dues for S.P.A.N. The organization consists of five cities for law enforcement services. The cities are: Mayfield Village, Richmond Heights, Mayfield Heights, Lyndhurst and Highland Heights.

Service Director's Report: Director Evans stated a police vehicle sold on gov.deals for \$5,700. The city received reimbursement from the Regional Sewer District for \$78,000. The majority of the reimbursement, \$75,000 was for catch basin and sewer work performed as part of the 2015 Road Program. Three-thousand dollars was reimbursement for membership in the Euclid Creek Watershed Council.

Director Evans stated due to the high winds last Sunday, Service crews were called in to assist the Police and Fire departments to secure roadways, downed trees and downed wires. Two trees were affected on the municipal complex property and six trees were lost at the City Park. As of this afternoon, First Energy reported four areas in Highland Heights with power outages. First Energy is predicting restoration to most of their customers by tomorrow afternoon. Ford Road has been closed since Sunday evening, due to a downed utility pole.

Building Commissioner's Report: Mr. Grabfelder stated a pre-trial date has been set for the property at 8536 Highland Road. Mr. Grabfelder requested a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss changes to the Sidewalk Program.

City Engineer's Report: Mr. Mader stated the 2019 Asphalt program will be bid next week for a bid opening date of March 21st. The City Park resurfacing will also be included and stipulated in the bid specifications to be completed by June 1st.

The Concrete Road Program is scheduled for a bid opening date in mid-April. The proposed changes to the Sidewalk Program would combine the Sidewalk Program with the Concrete Road Program. Details will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

The EPA Phase II annual report is in the process of completion to be submitted before the deadline of April 1st.

The Street Striping Program will be bid in mid-April also.

Finance Director's Report: Director Filippo stated the State Auditor's Office held an Audit Exit Conference for the 2016/2017 audit. There were no discrepancies in the audit and the audit will be available on the Auditor's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commission on Aging: Ms. D'Amico reported the Commission on Aging will provide a bus trip to a Tea Room on May 2. This will be a popular event so Ms. D'Amico encouraged attendees to make reservations quickly by calling Mary Velotta at City Hall.

Safety and Service Committee: Ms. Stickan no report.

Mrs. Murphy reported the Cuyahoga County Noise Abatement Council held a meeting and informed Council the runway project is complete. The Airport will have an independent website which will be user-friendly and streamline noise complaints.

Drainage Committee: Mrs. Murphy stated the draft Drainage Policy will be presented to Council for approval after review from the Law Director.

Mrs. Murphy requested a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 26th to address the Ohio Open Checkbook Program. A representative from the State Treasurer's Office will make a presentation and answer questions on the program.

Legislative & Finance Committee: Mr. Hargate stated the L/F Committee held several meetings to review the budget. Items #3 & #4 on tonight's agenda have been recommended for passage as soon as the 2019 budget has been approved.

Mr. Hargate requested a L/F Committee Meeting before the next regular Council Meeting.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Mr. Mastrangelo stated a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was held on February 25th and a Public Hearing was held for CSM Consultants, 428 Athletics, 165 Alpha Park. A two-year conditional use permit to operate a fitness center was granted.

Mr. Mastrangelo requested a Committee of the Whole meeting in April to discuss the deer issue.

Mr. Grabfelder responded to the Mayor's question that plans have been submitted for the Panini's building on Wilson Mills and the plans are being reviewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brunello delivered a statement to Council and members of the public addressing his acceptance to become Mayor for the unexpired term. Mayor Brunello took the Oath of Office to serve as Mayor on February 20, 2019.

Mayor Brunello stated he will continue to Chair the Community Day Committee and announced a meeting to be held on February 27th at 8 PM.

Mayor Brunello stated a letter will be sent to all residents and businesses in Highland Heights to advise them of the change in office and that the city is financially strong and will continue to operate in a quality manner.

Mayor Brunello stated online registration is available on the website to register for baseball/softball/t-ball programs. Other programs will be available to register online shortly. The 2019 Summer Sizzler will be available and mailed to all residents in the near future.

Mayor Brunello stated articles are being requested from Council members for the Spring Newsletter.

Law Director's Report: Director Paluf has been reviewing the agreements necessary to enter into a Suburban Water Main Renewal Program with the City of Cleveland Water Department. Discussion and review of agreements will be held at an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Director Paluf stated the Police Department had no objection to the transfer of a C1, D2, D8 liquor license from Highland Hops & Vines LLC, DBA Highland Hops & Vines, 544 Miner Road to Wine Beer Cigars LLC, DBA Cleveland Wine Club, 544 Miner Road. There were no objections to the transfer from Council.

Council President's Report: President Stickan stated the Park & Recreation Committee's Children's Easter Party will be held on April 6th.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: No items were added.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION AUTHORIZING DUES: Moved by Mr. Hargate to authorize payment to S.P.A.N. in the amount of \$25,000.00 for annual dues for the fiscal year 2019; seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo. Ayes all; motion carried.

FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 4-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 4-2019 which description is: "An ordinance appropriating for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, for the period commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 7-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 7-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the purchase of one International Model 2019 HV 507 SFA 4x2 cab and chassis from Rush Truck Centers in an amount not to exceed Eighty One Thousand Dollars (\$81,000.00), pursuant to the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program, and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 8-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 8-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Sutphen Corporation for the purchase of a 2019 Sutphen fire engine, pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$581,444.00), excluding any trade-in or pre-payment allowance and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 6-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 6-2019 which description is: "A Resolution adopting a Solid Waste Management Plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 2-2019 which description is: "An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant (s) and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 3-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 3-2019 which description is: "An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Highland Heights, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 4-2019: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 4-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Mr. Hargate moved to adopt as amended; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 5-2019: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 5-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to provide technical assistance regarding Public Information and Public Education, and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Ms. D'Amico moved to adopt as amended; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes all; motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Mr. Hargate to adjourn into Executive Session by roll call vote pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code and Highland Heights Charter 4.05 to discuss labor negotiations; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Roll Call: Ayes: unanimous.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ms. Stickan and seconded by Ms. D'Amico to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; motion carried. Said meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council