
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
HELD: APRIL 23, 2019
8:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, DiLalla, Hargate, Lombardo, 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

EXCUSED: Council Representative Mastrangelo

ACTION ON MINUTES:

The reading of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 9, 2019 was dispensed with. Ms. D'Amico moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes: D'Amico, Hargate, Murphy, Stickan. Abstain: DiLalla, Lombardo. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Turner announced on Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM the Fire Department will be hosting an American Heart CPR/AED course. Participants will also have training on how to use fire extinguishers properly.

Chief Turner stated tree lawn restoration for fire hydrants will be performed by Cleveland Water Department beginning April 29th and completion by June 29th. Residents who have concerns over the timeliness or quality of the repairs can contact the Fire Department. The Service Department may assist in the restoration or use a private vendor.

Chief Turner announced the Fire Department's Facebook page is now launched. Chief Turner encouraged viewing the Fb page as information related to the Fire Department will be posted.

Chief Turner stated he will be out-of-town April 24th-April 28th. Please contact Asst. Chief Bernhard for assistance.

Chief Turner stated the 1990 Fire truck has finally sold on gov.deals for \$4,600.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Cook stated the Avaya phone system requires a software upgrade which will take place in early May. There will be approximately 30 minutes when the phones will be out of service, but it does not affect the 9-1-1 lines.

Chief Cook informed Council that he recommended to the Law Director to prepare legislation to change Codified Ordinance Section 505.11 to be amended to remove breed specific language.

Chief Cook informed Council at the Safety and Service Committee meeting this evening he discussed the Communications Center upgrade. Information will be provided at a Committee of the Whole meeting so that the project can be completed this year.

Chief Cook requested suspension of the third reading on Item #7, the purchase of the 2019 Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicle.

Service Director's Report: Director Evans stated the city has received the first city-wide sweeping. Computer round-up will continue at the Service Department until the end of the month. Shred Day was held on April 20th and over 14,000 pounds of shredding was collected. The next Shred Day will be held on Saturday, October 5th.

Director Evans stated item #1 and item #4 on the Council Agenda were discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Director Evans requested suspension of the third reading on item #8.

Building Commissioner's Report: Mr. Grabfelder had no report. President Stickan reported a concern of a property on Highland Road that Mr. Grabfelder will investigate. Mr. Grabfelder stated there will be a court hearing for the property at 8536 Highland Road on April 24th.

City Engineer's Report: Mr. Mader stated the Asphalt Road and Community Park Resurfacing project held a pre-construction meeting last week. The Recreation Director was concerned regarding the drop-off area for day camp participants. A new design has been created to address the Recreation Director's concerns.

The 2019 Concrete Program will hold a bid opening on May 9th. The Concrete Program will include the sidewalk program.

The Avion Park sidewalk program is complete. The Street Striping program will be bid shortly. Upon the passage of item #1, the Sewer Improvements Program will be out for bid in 4-6 weeks. Detention basin inspections will be conducted throughout the city in the next month.

Finance Director's Report: Director Filippo stated the forensic audit report is anticipated to be prepared by early May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commission on Aging: Ms. D'Amico stated the Commission on Aging met last week and discussed two new activities: a lunch at a restaurant in Legacy Village planned for August; and, a tea party at Stonewater in the fall. The bus trip to the Tea Rom has been sold out.

Park & Recreation Committee: Mr. DiLalla stated the Committee met last week and reviewed the Children's Easter Party. The event was sold out and he thanked Chief Turner and the Fire Department for hosting the Fire House Open House.

Mr. DiLalla stated baseball and softball practices have started and rosters are being finalized. Pickleball registration is full. The next Committee meeting is May 9th.

Drainage Committee: Mrs. Murphy stated a Drainage Committee meeting was held this evening and two new drainage investigation forms were approved. The first form simplifies the current form for residents to submit when there is a drainage concern. The second form is to be utilized by staff as they conduct an assessment. The new forms will be advantageous for all parties and streamline the investigation process. The forms are not part of the Drainage Policy legislation so that the forms can be modified or amended as needed.

The Drainage Committee reviewed pending drainage inquiries. Chairman Murphy requested to present at the next Committee of the Whole meeting a drainage matter to Council.

Mrs. Murphy attended the Cuyahoga County Airport Noise Abatement Council meeting on April 11th. The first quarter review reported 4,356 operations of which 45 occurred during the voluntary noise abatement hours of 11 pm to 7 am. Only seven complaints were logged for the quarter. Four complaints occurred during regular hours for excessive noise. Three complaints occurred during the voluntary noise abatement hours. One of the three complaints was a life flight helicopter. Of the seven complaints, three were from residents of Highland Heights. All three complaints occurred during normal operating hours; however, residents are encouraged to report excessive noise concerns.

There is a resident on Burwick who is concerned about many aspects of the airport operations including noise and its affect on people and the environment. The Airport Manager has supplied him with studies that were conducted and performed when the runway project was studies. The County Council member is also addressing the resident's concerns.

The Airport officials are working towards obtaining a separate airport website outside of the county's website. The new website will be beneficial to all residents and is anticipated to be available by the end of the year.

Two companies have not signed the Joint Statement agreement; however, signature is anticipated once the final punch list for the runway project has been completed.

The aircraft traffic is expected to increase July 5-July 9th due to the Major League Baseball All Star Game to be held in Cleveland.

The next Cuyahoga County Airport Noise Abatement Council meeting will be July 11th at 10 AM. The meeting is open to the public.

President Stickan questioned if the County Council needs to approve the new website. Mrs. Murphy stated yes, and that is one of the reasons for the delay in implementing the new website.

Legislative & Finance Committee: Mr. Hargate requested a L/F Committee meeting for May 14th. Mr. Hargate requested award legislation for the May 14th Council Agenda as First Reading for the 2019 Concrete Road Repair Program.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Mr. Paluf stated at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting held April 22nd, the variances were approved for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises and outdoor premises of Panini's, 6237 Wilson Mills Road.

Law Director's Report: Director Paluf requested suspension of the 2nd and 3rd reading for item #2. This is the concession contract for the City Park which begins May 1st.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brunello stated the County Executive Office has requested the city's participation in the Complete Count Committee to ensure an accurate count throughout Cuyahoga County for the 2020 census. Ms. Stickan has been appointed to be our representative on this Committee.

Mayor Brunello announced the next Community Day meeting will be held on April 25th at 8 PM.

Mayor Brunello and Finance Director Filippo met with the Director of Regional Collaboration and the Deputy Director to discuss various collaborative services. A meeting will be held on April 25th in Mayfield Village for residents to take advantage of a new solar co-op program.

Mayor Brunello thanked the Service Department for assisting in the successful and busy Shred Day.

Mayor Brunello attended the Mayfield Superintendent's Advisory Council on Innovative Education meeting. Numerous topics were discussed, and a new program will be offered at the start of 2020 entitled, Self-Paced Program. Many upgrades will be performed at the Middle School and High School.

Safety and Service Committee: Ms. Stickan stated the Safety and Service Committee met this evening with Chief Turner and Chief Cook. Chief Turner discussed upcoming staffing additions. Chief Cook discussed the 2019 Communication Center Upgrade. The details of that program will be presented to Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting on May 14th. Item #3 was discussed and approved. The Committee agreed to suspend the third reading of item #7 as the vehicle is available and will be placed into immediate use.

Mayor Brunello stated Director Ianiro has requested suspension of item #2, as activities at the Park will begin in May. Mayor Brunello responded to Mrs. Murphy's question that the contract is identical to last year's contract.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: Moved by Mrs. Murphy to add a motion authorizing payment to the Community Partnership on Aging for aging services for the first half of 2019 in the amount of \$41,493.50; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Tom Hughes, 957 Millridge Road. Mr. Hughes addressed Council and explained Council's and the Administration's responsibility to respectfully listen to any citizen and work towards resolving the problem in a mutual manner. Mr. Hughes stated any council member may request a motion to waive the three-minute rule when a citizen is addressing Council.

Mr. Hughes will be forwarding his public records request forms to Law Director Paluf. Mr. Hughes presented Council with a report from an Engineer regarding drainage on his property. Mr. Hughes requested Council to read the report and to contact him if there are any questions.

Mr. Scott Andrew Mills, 5843 Wilson Mills. Mr. Mills thanked the city administration for continuing Shred Day which was implemented ten years ago when he was on Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT: Moved by Ms. D'Amico to authorize payment to the Community Partnership on Aging for aging services for the first half of 2019 in the amount of \$41,493.50; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes all; motion carried.

MOTION FOR PLANS & SPECS: Moved by Mr. Hargate to authorize the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and the Clerk to advertise for bids for the 2019 Sewer Improvements Program; seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 18-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with B.T.S. to provide food and beverage concession services at the Municipal Pool and Park for the summer of 2019 and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third reading as the Park activities will be starting in May. Mr. DiLalla moved to suspend the Second and Third reading; seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Lombardo moved to adopt; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION 19-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 19-2019 which description is " A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Statewide Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc., for the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford Fusion vehicle, in an amount not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$19,919.00), pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act, and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 12-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 12-2019 which description is: "An Ordinance for the resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road from I-271 Off Ramp to Alpha Drive in cooperation with the County of Cuyahoga and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 13-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Resolution 13-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Council to participate in the Ohio Treasurer's Office OhioCheckbook.com and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 14-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Resolution 14-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the adoption of a Drainage Problem Correction Policy in the City of Highland Heights and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-2019: Council listened to the Second reading in title only of proposed Resolution 15-2019 which description is: “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Statewide Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc., for the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicle, including all emergency equipment and graphics, in an amount not to exceed Forty-One Thousand Dollars (\$41,000.00), pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act, and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Third reading as the vehicle is available and will be placed into immediate use. Mr. Hargate moved to suspend the Third reading; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. President Stickan stated the Legislative and Finance Committee and the Safety and Service Committee supports the suspension of the third reading. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Hargate moved to adopt; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-2019: Council listened to the Second reading in title only of proposed Resolution 16-2019 which description is: “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Concord Road Equipment Mfg., Inc. for the purchase and installation of a Concord Minuteman Dump Body and Snow and Ice Control Equipment in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$88,500.00) pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Third reading as there is a waiting list for this equipment. Mr. Hargate moved to suspend the Third reading; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Hargate moved to adopt; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

SECOND READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 17-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Resolution 17-2019 which description is: “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Middletown Ford Inc., for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck in an amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00) pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 7-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 7-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance for the Resurfacing of Brainard Road from Cedar Road to Wilson Mills Road in cooperation with the County of Cuyahoga and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 8-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 8-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance authorizing transfers and declaring an emergency. (General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000)” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 9-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 9-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance authorizing transfers and declaring an emergency. (General Fund to #502 Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$305,000; and General Fund to #503 Fire Pension Fund in the amount of \$310,000)” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 10-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 10-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$2,350,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of widening and reconstructing Miner Road, resurfacing and otherwise improving Ford Road and other city streets, improving culvert No. 15 in Highland Road, replacing segments of concrete in city streets, and all drainage and other related improvements thereto, and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 11-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 11-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to proclaim a water use emergency throughout the City of Highland Heights, Ohio upon notice by the City of Cleveland, Ohio that a water supply shortage exists, and declaring this to be an urgent measure.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 5-2019: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 5-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance establishing compensation for employees of the Recreation Department of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio for 2019, repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

Mr. Hargate moved to enact; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 6-2019: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 6-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute: (1) An Asset Transfer Agreement, (2) A Municipal Utility District Agreement and, (3) A restatement of the Water Service Agreement for Direct Service with the City of Cleveland, Ohio; and declaring this to be an urgent measure.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Ms. D’Amico moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Hargate. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Hargate and seconded by Mr. DiLalla to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; motion carried. Said meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council

