

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 12TH, 2012

Mayor Bacci had everyone stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to turn off their cell phones and pagers.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll. Those present were, Todd Bloam, Renato Contipelli, Ralph Faragone, Cheryl Harris, and Barbara Biro. Also present were Fire Chief Neal Cash, Service Director Scott Waldemarson, Law Director Jon Greenberg, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Schoeffler, Administrative Assistant to the Town Hall Angel Meriwether, Building Commissioner Norm Casini, Head Dispatcher Barb Cash, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

Mr. Faragone moved to excuse Ms. Duszynski, seconded by Harris. Faragone, Harris, Biro, Bloam voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Mr. Unger presented the November 14, 2012 Council Meeting minutes.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the minutes be accepted and placed on file. Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, Biro voting aye; Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From: Mayor Trevor Elkins of Newburgh Hts.

Thanking the Mayor and Service Department employees, David Sammons and Kenny Klir, for their help during the severe weather on the evening of October 29, 2012.

Newburgh Hts. encountered significant damage and a power outage for several days, and David Sammons and Kenny Klir responded quickly to assist their crews in removing downed trees. Their performance was efficient and professional in very poor working conditions, including heavy rain, and high winds. The Village of Newburgh Hts. would like to thank these men, and the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for truly going above and beyond in legitimately perilous weather.

From: Julius Ciaccia, Executive Director of Northeast Ohio Sewer District

Letters of commendation, thanking Police Department employees, Mark Davis, Mike Stack, Jude Kalizewski, Joe Wallace, Jamie Lucas, and Jeremy Grabowski thanking them for assisting in the investigation of a telephone threat and the eventual arrest of the perpetrator, on October 22, 2012.

Although, after much investigation, the situation was deemed to be non-life threatening, it could have been a very real threat, and your assistance was crucial to its favorable outcome.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the communications be accepted and placed on file. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye; Motion carried.

PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Position of Cash Statement
R.I.T.A Preliminary report for December 2012

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli to accept the reports as prepared. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris voting aye, motion carried.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-112

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO
ENTER INTO A PERMANENT POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY GRANT AGREEMENT
WITH THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE.

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone that the rules be suspended and the following Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Faragone to instruct the Clerk to group the pay resolutions for reading and adoption. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-113	Payment of Certain Claims:	\$995,705.56
	Payroll	
	General Bills	
	(#44111 - #44254)	

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the following resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris voting

aye for suspension of rules; motion carried. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris voting aye for adoption, none opposed; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-114

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Faragone moved, seconded by Ms. Biro that the rules be suspended and the following Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Ordinance was passed by the same vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-115

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2013

Mr. Faragone moved, seconded by Ms. Biro that the rules be suspended and the following Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Ordinance was passed by the same vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-116

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING H.B. 601 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH PROPOSES UNIFORMITY MEASURES FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RESULTING IN UNFUNDED MANDATES AND POTENTIALLY SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE TO THE VILLAGE

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the following resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone,, Harris voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-117

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS WITH INFINITY PAVING COMPANY FOR THE SERVICE GARAGE ENTRANCE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT REGARDING THE ENTRANCE TO BACCI PARK

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the following Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-118

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1495.03, 1495.05, 1495.07 AND 1495.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE TO CREATE FIVE-YEAR GRANT CYCLES FOR THE COMMUNITY HOUSING MAINTENANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Faragone moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam that the rules be suspended and the following Ordinance be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Ordinance was passed by the same vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-119

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SC STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR IMAGING SOFTWARE

Resolution 2012-119 is placed on first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-120

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MILL CREEK CONNECTOR TRAIL EASEMENT MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Mr. Faragone that the rules be suspended and the following Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-121

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO PERFORM UPDATES TO THE VILLAGE MASTER PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES

Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the rules be suspended and the following Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. The Resolution was passed by the same vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam to approve a new heating and air conditioning system from Brennan Heating and Air Conditioning for the Service Department building at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Ms. Biro moved, seconded by Mr. Bloam authorizing the Mayor to sign a conflict waiver letter with Richard Sargent regarding the Nick Boulevard project. Biro, Bloam, Contipelli, Faragone, Harris, voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.

Mr. Faragone was excused from the meeting because of illness at 7:40pm.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

Updated Council that Southerly Sewage will be hauling ash from December 13th until December 31st on Canal Road.

Explained that the markings on the Electric Welding building were for fire training before the building is razed.

Great tree lighting ceremony, the Mayor received many compliments from residents, and everyone had a great time.

On December 23rd, Santa is coming to town. I am looking forward to seeing all of the residents.

Wished the following employees and residents a happy birthday: Robert Santiago, Jesse James, Vince Trusso, Dianne Simmons, Joe Vitanza, Howard Selig, Christine Suhy, Frank Trusso, and Irma Schab.

Wished everyone a happy and blessed Christmas, and looking forward to next year.

MS. CHERYL HARRIS:

Thanked the Service Department and Police Department for doing such a fine job during the Holiday season.

There will be no meeting of the Go Green Committee in January.

MS. BARBARA BIRO:

Wished everyone Happy Holidays, and thanked everyone for making her freshman year as a Councilperson so friendly and educational.

MR. TODD BLOAM:

He will call a Community Development Committee Meeting as soon as the County grant is executed, and thanked Todd Sciano for all of his help.

Thanked everyone for doing their jobs.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Barb, you have done an excellent job as a Councilperson this year. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Stated that he would like Council to think about remodeling the basement of the Town Hall in 2013. We have done extensive remodeling to the rest of the building, and now he would like to focus on the basement area.

POLICE CHIEF DOUGLAS PALLINI:

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WALDEMARSON:

Thanked Council for purchasing the new heating system for the Service Department. Stated that the elevator should be operational in the near future, and also the carpet in the Town Hall will be installed within the next few weeks.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FIRE CHIEF NEAL CASH:

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MR. JONATHAN GREENBERG:

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MR. ROBERT UNGER:

Our 2012 RITA revenue is 7.5 % ahead of last year. We received our first check for December, and it was 140,000 less than last year's check during the same time. We started our General Fund with 2.2 million dollars, and we should end the year with around 2.5 or 2.6 million. Our goal has always been not to spend more than we take in, and I project that we will again reach this goal for the third straight year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MRS. LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing.

MRS. ANGEL MERIWETHER:

Nothing.

MR. NORMAN CASINI:

The wall project on E. 49th is now complete, and we came in \$5,000.00 less than was budgeted. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MR. TODD SCIANO:

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None at this time.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Mr. Contipelli moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:50 PM. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried.