

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
APRIL 25, 2012**

ROLL CALL: BIRO, BLOAM, CONTIPELLI, DUSZYNSKI, FARAGONE, HARRIS

ISSUE 1: Rules & Regulations for the CAC

COMMENTS: Mr. Contipelli explained that the Youth Committee and the Recreation Board were consolidated into the Community Activities Committee. He stated he was unaware there were not rules established. Mr. Contipelli suggested creating and adopting rules for the CAC because of confusion in the public about what is acceptable. Mr. Unger stated that he does not believe the CAC has overstepped their bounds in anything they have done so far. Discussion about establishing guidelines occurred. Discussion about changing the ordinance to officially reflect the change occurred. Mr. Greenberg clarified the proper legislation has already been passed in 1976 and updated in 2010. Mayor Bacci stated in the very near future the Village will abolish these committees altogether because of a lack of participation and the negative politics they generate. If we want to do something for the residents we will simply organize it from Village Hall, distribute the information, and whoever would like to participate will be welcome. Additional discussion occurred about options and future of the various committees, events, as well as the Atlantic City trip occurred.

ACTION: Consensus is there is no issue this year and they will not get additional money. Several members stated that in future budgets we should review increasing their committee budget. Consensus is to adopt rules for governing the CAC. A vote will be taken at the next meeting regarding whether or not the same rules should apply for the seniors.

ISSUE 2: Security Cameras in Bacci Park

COMMENTS: Mr. Contipelli recapped the conversations regarding the security cameras to date. He noted that he has received 3 quotes and the expense estimates are between \$24,000 - \$30,000. Discussion occurred about the project including technology, value, safety, and expense. Ms. Duszynski and Mr. Faragone agreed with the merits of security however, expressed a concern regarding the pace the project is proceeding. Discussion continued.

ACTION: The consensus is to have legislation created authorizing the Mayor to proceed with the project at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 and make the final decision at the business meeting.

ISSUE 3: New Building Code Ordinances

COMMENTS: Mayor Bacci explained Mr. Hlad would be available by telephone if necessary to clarify questions. Mr. Greenberg provided highlights of proposed legislation. Discussion of proposed legislation occurred.

ACTION: The legislation would be prepared for the next meeting with the exception of the key box legislation pending Mayor Bacci's discussion with Mr. Hlad.

ISSUE 4: Police Testing

COMMENTS: Mr. Greenberg explained that an aggressive answer to the question of whether or not credit could be provided for number of years of service against an applicant's age is yes; the program would be acceptable. He explained the concept of rationale basis and there is no magic age number. Mr. Greenberg stated that it is an interesting idea but it creates legitimate concerns because it could expose the Village to liability. Mr. Greenberg provided the specifics of testing, promotional lists, hiring lists, and residency. Discussion occurred about maximum age for testing, credits, pensions, eligibility lists, and retirement ages. Mayor Bacci explained the change in selecting the Head Dispatcher. Discussion of dispatcher testing occurred. Mayor Bacci assured Mr. Faragone the test would be announced in a newspaper.

ACTION: Testing details will be prepared for approval at the May business meeting.

A brief discussion of a public works projects occurred.

ISSUE 5: Clerk's Update

COMMENTS: Nothing at this time.

ISSUE 6: Mayor's Update

COMMENTS: Mayor Bacci asked for questions regarding the Electric Welder proposal. No questions were asked.

Updated Council on SS Kemp. It appears that Tracy Nichols has helped and things look positive. Council will be updated as soon as possible.

Updated Council on the Nicky Boulevard landfill project and the possibility of bundling the realignment of the E.71st & I.77 ramp allowing for southbound traffic at the intersection. Discussion occurred about the projects.

Mayor Bacci recapped the Zoning & Planning meeting regarding work Mr. Matt Schoeffler's performed on his home. The issue is that Mr. Schoeffler had the work done at his property without permits or approval. The board denied the variance and required a partial remediation. Mr. Schoeffler did follow-up after he located correspondence from

the Building Department and apologized for that particular point of contention as did the contractor.

Recapped the visit to ALCOA including the history of a German press taken after WWII and relocated to Cuyahoga Heights.

The Police & Dispatch contract should be wrapped up shortly and explained the status of the discussions.

The Charter Review Committee will be meeting in the next week or two. Mr. Contipelli stressed that the committee is on a timetable.

WHEREFORE, there being no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Work Session Meeting be adjourned. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.