

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2018
6:00 PM**

Ms. Harris called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll.

ROLL CALL: BIRO BLOAM CENTA CONTIPELLI HARRIS SCHOEFFLER

Also present were, Mayor Bacci, Law Director Bill Mason, Assistant Law Director Ben Chojnacki, and CFO Angel Meriwether.

Grant Discussion – Councilman Contipelli:

After talking to Ms. Meriwether and Kelly Moody from Silverlode, Mr. Contipelli informed Council that there is a supplemental grant out there for \$50,000.00 with no matching funds that has to be used for a community project that we would like to try and get. The Mayor suggested that if we are chosen for the grant, we use it for a marquee sign to replace the current sign in front of the pool area on E. 71st Street.

Mr. Contipelli said that this grant cycle starts in November, and we are not sure it is going to be there again next year, so we need to start the paperwork immediately. He would like Council to agree to let the Mayor move forward with the paperwork to apply for the grant.

Mayor Bacci explained that he would like to get a digital marquee to replace our current sign on E. 71st Street. He has been in contact with Mr. Evans at the school, and they would also like to eliminate the existing schools marquee and put up a digital sign. After much conversation, we decided to find a common location on either side of the street for a new digital marquee shared by the school and the Village.

If we got the grant, we would put the marquee up and manage it. It would be the Villages marquee, anything the school wanted to put on it would be run through the Town Hall, and if it is proper, we would then put it up. The Mayor said if we both had digital marquees, it would look like the Las Vegas strip. This shared marquee is the idea we came up together with the school.

Mr. Bloam asked if it would be more or less than \$50,000.00. Mayor Bacci said he doesn't think a digital marquee would be less than \$50,000.00. Ms. Biro asked if we are going to need an easement if it is going to be our sign on school property. Mayor Bacci said he suggested a 100 year lease from the school for the sign. Ms. Biro asked who will be liable for any damage to the sign. Mr. Chojnacki said that it will default to our insurance.

Mayor Bacci said this will be beneficial to everyone, now we have to figure out where to place the sign, and get the legal agreements in place. Mr. Schoeffler asked about the stipulations in the agreement. Mayor Bacci said that in the agreement we will have language that will spell out all of our concerns and recognizing all the information that can be put on the sign. Our legal department will work on that.

Again, the Mayor wanted to be clear. The grant is for \$50,000.00. No one here is saying if the sign will be \$25,000.00 or \$75,000.00, we don't know. Mr. Contipelli said that because of the deadline for applying for the grant, we need to get our application in immediately, and asked Council if anyone had any reservations about applying for the grant. This is a very new grant, and we don't even know if this is something that we can get, but we should try. The general consensus is that we should try to get the grant.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bacci asked to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate matters, Personnel matters, and possible EDC Agreements.

Mr. Centa made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Bloam made the motion to come out of Executive Session, and back into the Workshop, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.