

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
CAUCUS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CAUCUS

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Before the meeting, there was a lengthy conversation about the traffic noise on E.49th Street due to the Canal Road Project. Ms. Henley asked Mayor Bacci if there was something that we could do to minimize the inconvenience for the residents.

Mayor Bacci said that he is doing everything possible to make this easier for all the residents. He is constantly sending out information to the residents homes, and is on the phone with everyone that calls him to explain the situation.

Mayor Bacci said we are trying to make this as easy as possible for everyone. He realizes the metal street covers make a lot of noise with truck traffic, and so at an added cost, he has directed the workers to backfill in every hole on the street with dirt every night so they don't use the metal covers. He is asking everyone to please be patient while the work is being completed, and explained that the noise will be manageable within a month.

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

Those present were, Mayor Bacci, Clerk Unger, Todd Bloam, Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Cheryl Harris, Lois Henley, and Matt Schoeffler.

Also in attendance were Law Director Ben Chojnacki, CFO Angel Meriwether, Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella, and Engineer Todd Sciano.

COMMUNICATIONS:

To the Administration from Ms. Bernadette Menkhaus:

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PERMITS:

None at this time.

PURCHASES:

No purchases this month.
Council received a list of disposable items from the Service Department.

MINUTES:

August 14, 2019 Caucus
August 14, 2019 Council Meeting

Ms. Henley agreed to make the motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Centa agreed to second.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Cash Position August 2019
RITA Preliminary report September 2019

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-70

Payment of Certain Claims: \$1,202,159.33
Payroll
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Mr. Schoeffler agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-71

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER

Mr. Centa agreed to make the motion, Ms. Harris agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-72

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“ODOT”) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CUY-MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL – PHASE 3 (PID 99753; AGR. NO. 33972; DUNS NO. 154175707) IN THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-73

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY’S 2019 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Mr. Schoeffler agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-74

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE NICKY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE 1

Mr. Contipelli agreed to make the motion, Mr. Bloam agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-75

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CHANGES OF SCOPE FOR THE CANAL ROAD PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO ALLOW FOR CONCRETE PAVEMENT IN LIEU OF PAVEMENT REPAIRS OF THE ASPHALT SECTION WITH CONCRETE BASE

Mr. Schoeffler agreed to make the motion, Mr. Centa agreed to second.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-76

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CHANGES IN SCOPE FOR THE NICKY
BOULEVARD STORM SEWER EXTENSION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE 2**

Mr. Bloam agreed to make the motion, Mr. Contipelli agreed to second.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAYORS REPORT:

The Mayor asked Council to go into Executive Session for real estate matters, and pending litigation.

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

Mr. Centa made the motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Harris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Caucus ended at 6:55 pm.

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Mayor Bacci asked everyone to reflect on this day 18 years ago when nearly 3,000 innocent people perished during the worst terrorist attack on US soil. We will never forget those that lost their lives, and never forget the evil that walks amongst us that would hurt innocent people.

Mayor Bacci called the meeting to order. Clerk Unger called the roll.

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ROLL CALL: Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-76

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Mr. Bloam moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the rules be suspended and the Resolution be placed on third and final reading. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler voting aye for suspension of the rules. Bloam, Centa, Contipelli, Harris, Henley, Schoeffler voting aye for the adoption, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI:

You'll see extra traffic tomorrow and Friday morning at the elementary school, it's "Goodies with Grands" from 7:45 until 8:15 a.m. This year they are splitting it into 2-days.

Good luck to the Redskins football team as they take on John Marshall this Friday at 7:00 p.m. at home.

Our office staff put together a trip to see the Cleveland Indians next Thursday. We're happy to see that our residents took advantage of it — the trip is sold out!

Next Friday we will be holding our annual senior citizens flu shot and breakfast at the Village Hall. This is yet another event we look forward to — spending time with our seniors, as well as serving them breakfast!

Next Saturday, September 21 – NEORSO Southerly is having their annual open house from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Our office staff and service department are working diligently in preparation of our corn roast — just a month away! Hope to see many of our residents in attendance.

September birthday wishes to employees: (3) Eric McKenzie; (4) Sean Coubrough; (5) Deputy Chief Mark Davis; (9) Councilman Todd Bloam, (11) Dean DePiero; (17) Debbie Reiger; (18) Brad Unger; and (21) Justin Gvora.

Please continue to keep several of our residents in your thoughts and prayers: Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Lori Borowy, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, and Joe Vitanza.

MR. BLOAM:

Mr. Bloam called a Public Works Meeting for October 9th at 5:30 pm.

MR. CENTA:

On August 22nd, the school had a BEST Committee Meeting, during which they hired a General Contractor to assess everything from lightbulbs to equipment. They are going to do a five year feasibility study to assess improvements that need to be made at the school.

Mayor Bacci said that is a good thing. As the host of the school, we want it to look its best as well.

Concerning the story in the news about people passing school buses, and the fines up to including jail time in some communities. The Mayor asked Mr. Centa to check with his transportation people at the school if this is happening to our buses while driving in all of our communities. He asked Mr. Centa to find out if this is a problem so we can address it in the future.

MR. CONTIPELLI:

Thanking all the residents for their patience during this construction time. Once we explain to the people the nuisance of the projects, they are willing to put up with them to see a great finished product.

Wished Mr. Bloam a happy 51st birthday.

MS. HARRIS:

We will have a Finance Committee Meeting October 9th at 5:00 pm.

MS. HENLEY:

Nothing to report, and thanked Mayor Bacci for helping to explain the progress of the Canal Road Project before the Caucus.

MR. SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing at this time.

POLICE CHIEF STRURGILL:

Nothing at this time.

SERVICE DIRECTOR DAVE SAMMONS:

Thanked Council for approving the new pickup truck for the Service Department.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY:

We were awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,300.00 for new fire detectors for the community.

The girls varsity soccer team will be having a game on October 7th asking for donations for the Allison Rose Foundation.

CFO ANGEL MERIWETHER

Nothing to report.

LAW DIRECTOR BEN CHOJNACKI:

Nothing to report.

CLERK UNGER:

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR LEE ANN SCHOEFFLER:

Nothing to report.

ENGINEER TODD SCIANO:

Nothing to report.

ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER KEN LABELLA:

Mr. Labella gave Council an update on some of the residential properties. The law department and the building department have coordinated together to file four complaints. One was at 4615 E.49th Street, another is at 4958 E.71st Street. Since filing the complaints, both properties have come into compliance.

The other two properties are 7133 Marcelline Court, and 7137 Marcelline Court. Both of these properties are scheduled for trial on 9/19/19. Hopefully there will be some resolution at that time. Their attorney has told us that everything will be completed by the end of next week.

The Building Department has also contacted the owner at 4962 Willowbrook Drive both verbally and written for the property to be cleaned up. The last one is 4400 E.71st Street which is owned by Millcraft. The shrubs are overgrown and there is some damage to the outside that needs attention. We have asked them to bring the property into compliance.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this Council, Ms. Henley moved, seconded by Ms. Harris that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed: motion carried.