

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONTIPELLI CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER at 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL: Contipelli, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa

Mayor Bacci advised that Mr. Schoeffler was running late.

Mr. Contipelli asked council if there were any questions, there were none.

Mr. Schoeffler showed up at 5:10 p.m.; the mayor then asked for a motion to go into executive session for personal, residential and commercial property matters. Mr. Contipelli made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Volek. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

Executive session ended at 6:04 p.m.

Before the council meeting, Mayor Bacci formally administered the Oath of Office for Patrolman Braden Susnik.

Additionally, Police Chief Sturgill presented Patrolman Tyler Selig with the Certificate of Commendation for his exceptional service assisting a resident on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:12 p.m.

MAYOR BACCI CALLED ROLL CALL: Contipelli, Schoeffler, Unger, Volek, Bloam, Centa

COMMUNICATIONS: Engineer's Report—Update on the Great Lakes Construction Project I-480 & I-77 Interchange.

PERMITS: None.

MINUTES:

February 12, 2025	Council Meeting
February 12, 2025	Finance Committee Meeting
January 22, 2025	Council Workshop
January 22, 2025	Finance Committee Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes as prepared and place them on file. Mr. Contipelli made the motion to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Schoeffler. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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Motion to accept the financial reports as prepared and place them on file. Mr. Schoeffler made the motion to accept the financial reports as prepared, seconded by Mr. Unger. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15 FIRST READING

February Payment of Certain Claims and Transfers

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS AND LOCATED AT 7133 MARCELLINE COURT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS AND LOCATED AT 7137 MARCELLINE COURT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL BONDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH METRO CLEVELAND SECURITY FOR SECURITY SERVICES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 254.20 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED BY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. Chojnacki asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2025-21 to the agenda. Mr. Schoeffler made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 248.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

25-10 A Motion to appoint Rebecca Wheaton to the position of Full Time Parks and Recreation Director.

25-11 A Motion to appoint Trevor Dietrich to the position of Full Time Skilled Maintenance Apprentice.

Motion to approve all the motions as prepared and place them on file. Mr. Volek made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bloam. All in favor, none opposed, motion approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR BACCI: Introduced Rebecca (Becca) Wheaton, our Parks & Recreation Director to everyone that was in attendance.

Wished everyone a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day this coming Monday.

Noted that the memorial tree application deadline is this Friday, March 14, and our Arbor Day event will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25 at Bacci Park. Currently, four trees will be planted. In addition, the mayor will officially recognize former Councilwoman Lois Henley at the event as she had the idea of our Arbor Day celebration when I first became Mayor in 2008. Mr. Contipelli suggested we honor Mrs. Henley with a tree and plaque. Mayor Bacci stated that we did in fact order a tree and plaque for her.

Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the village hall pavilion. Please note that we are changing the location this year due to construction at Klima Gardens. We will then hold the raffle after the egg hunt in the basement. The event is open to all Cuyahoga Heights resident children and grandchildren 0-12 years of age. Anyone wishing to donate an Easter basket can do so by dropping it off the Lee Ann no later than Thursday, April 10.

March birthday wishes to employees. (8) Police Chief Sturgill; (11) Joe Wallace; (12) CFO Angel Meriwether; (15) Jeremy Grabowski; (18) Jeff Baciak; (19) Frank Marcelli; (25) Barb Cash and Tracy Deal; and (26) Jimmy Berdysz.

Special Milestone birthday wishes to village resident, Mr. Denis Vanek who will turn "90" on March 25.

MR. CONTIPELLI: Offered his condolences to the Cockrell family; Rick recently lost his dad who was 90 years old.

Reminded everyone that RiverSweep will be held at Bacci Park on May 3 at 9:00 a.m. Additional information will be forthcoming at the April council meeting and in the newsletter.

Mayor Bacci followed up to Mr. Contipelli's question that several residents were concerned with cameras at Bacci Park. Mayor Bacci stated that in speaking with our IT Specialist, Mike Dentkos who had reached out to Engineer Sciano—and conceptual designs are in place and being reviewed. Once it's vetted, the infrastructure will be up and cameras should be operational in late summer, early fall of this year.

Mr. Contipelli also asked about the new security company at Bacci Park and how they are enforcing the dog leash law. Mayor Bacci advised that Service Director Sammons and Assistant Service Director Baciak are currently working on signage to clearly state the codified ordinance of our leash law. He further advised that Police Chief Sturgill and Deputy Chief Schoeffler are going to make sure security park officers are aware of the law so they can stop and detain anyone who is breaking the law. They will then contact our officers who are working the road to stop down at the park and write citations to those not adhering to the law.

MR. SCHOEFFLER: Nothing to report.

MR. UNGER: Nothing to report.

MR. VOLEK: Nothing to report.

MR. BLOAM: Nothing to report.

MR. CENTA: Noted that our senior citizens St. Patrick's Day party was held yesterday evening in the village hall auditorium, and they had corn beef sandwiches from Slyman's. He also stated that on behalf of our senior citizens organization, they would like to thank council and the mayor for their support of the group.

POLICE CHIEF STURGILL: Our flock cameras were able to assist with a stolen construction trailer from Garfield Heights. They were able to track the trailer through multiple flock cameras and the last camera that was able to capture the vehicle was our camera on Grant Avenue. Officers were able to locate the trailer. He noted that these cameras are expensive, but they do work and again thanked council for approving them. He also commented that with St. Patrick's Day approaching, to please remember to not drink and drive.

SERVICE DIRECTOR SAMMONS: Happy Birthday to CFO Meriwether and Chief Sturgill.

FIRE CHIEF SUHY: Nothing at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR CHOJNACKI: Nothing at this time.

CFO MERIWETHER: Thank you for the birthday wishes.

ADMIN. ASSIST. SCHOEFFLER TO MAYOR BACCI: Happy birthday CFO Meriwether and Chief Sturgill.

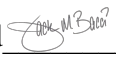
ASSIST. BUILDING COMMISSIONER LABELLA: Nothing at this time.

VILLAGE ENGINEER SCIANO: Nothing at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Deputy Chief Schoeffler: Nothing at this time.

WHEREFORE, there is no further business before this council, Mr. Schoeffler moved, seconded by Mr. Unger that the council meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. All voting aye, none opposed, motion approved.


Approved 

Mayor


Renato Contipelli (Apr 10, 2025 09:00 EDT)

Mayor and or President of Council

On March 12, 2025



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council












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