

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12650 DETROIT AVENUE
FEBRUARY 1, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

Regular Meeting of the Lakewood City Council called to order at 7:41 PM by Council President O'Leary.

Present: David Anderson, Thomas R. Bullock III, John Litten, Cindy Marx, Ryan Nowlin, Samuel T. O'Leary, Dan O'Malley

Also Present: Mayor Summers, Law Director Butler, Finance Director Pae, Public Works Director Beno, Acting Police Chief Hassing, Fire Chief Gilman, Planning & Development Director Siley, Human Resources Director Yousefi, Active Living Chair Foran and five other members of the task force. Approximately 35 members of the public, members of the media.

Reading & disposal of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 19, 2016.

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes without the necessity of a reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

Reading and disposal of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 4, 2016. Reports, legislation and communications from Members of Council, the Mayor and other City Officials.

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes without the necessity of a reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

*******OLD BUSINESS*******

1. Committee of the Whole Report regarding February 1, 2016 Committee Meeting. (To Be Provided)

Committee of the Whole met this evening immediately prior to this meeting. We heard a presentation from the Citizens Advisory Committee as well as Director Siley regarding Resolution 8830-15 which discusses the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations for

those appropriations for fiscal year 2016 Community Development Block grant funds. Council also received an update on pending litigation matters from the Law Director. It discussed an employee personnel matter as well as received update from Human Resources Director Yousefi on Resolution 8848-16 and completed an agenda review. Move that that report be received and filed.

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive and file the oral report.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 8830-15** – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit the Fiscal year (FY) 2016 One-year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan, which includes dollar allocations and activities for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund and incorporates the City’s application for CDBG funds and all amendments thereto and all understandings and assurances contained therein, to the U.S. Department of Housing and urban Development (HUD). (REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/16/15, DEFERRED 12/7/15) (Pg. 8)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Resolution 8830-15.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 8840-16** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____ to a position on the Civil Service Commission for the term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018. (REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/4/16, DEFERRED 1/19/16) (Pg. 11)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to defer action on this item.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 8841-16** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____ to the Board of Nuisance Abatement Appeals for the three-

year term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018. (REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/4/16, DEFERRED 1/19/16) (Pg. 12)

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to defer action on this item.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 8848-16** – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the Director of Human Resources to enter into one or more agreement or renewal agreements with representatives of government-employee deferred compensation plans in order to continue to provide a wide array of options for employees participating in such plans. (Referred to the Committee of the Whole 1/19/16) (Pg. 13)

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Resolution 8848-16.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

6. Housing Committee Report regarding Ordinance 3-16. Mr. Anderson; Chair. (To Be Provided)

The Committee met this evening. No action was taken. We expect an additional iteration of the proposed ordinance in the near future. Stay tuned. Thank you. Move to receive and file that oral report.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O'Leary, to receive and file the oral report.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 3-16** – AN ORDINANCE amending Section 1306.60 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood by expanding on the regulations governing exterior electric and fuel-burning cooking devices. (1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE 1/19/16) (Pg. 15)

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Ordinance No. 3-16 on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 1-16** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, to amend certain provisions of Chapter 516, Chapter 537, Chapter 142, Chapter 501, and Chapter 1327 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood, Ohio, to ensure that all persons within the City have

equal access to employment, housing, public accommodations, and education. (1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/19/16)(Pg. 17)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary. Seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Ordinance No. 1-16 on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

9. Active Living Presentation; Mr. Foran; Chair. (To Be Provided)

Mr. Foran, Shepheard and Sinagra

{presentation attached to minutes}

Members of the Active Living Recreation Task Force delivered the attached presentation.

Councilmembers O’Leary, Anderson, and Marx praised the Task Force for its work and expressed enthusiasm for future discussions on the report and recommendations.

Councilmember Bullock praised the report. He stated that he would develop a proposal to begin designing features to support active living such as wayfinding at parks, nature trails and reading gardens. He referenced progress that has been made through the addition of benches and bike lanes. He asked how the City can use the report to build on its assets toward a long term strategy.

Chairman of the Task Force, Jay Foran spoke of the importance of building a culture of health in the City and getting residents active. He remarked on how this approach will aide attraction and retention of families.

Finance Director Pae made remarks regarding Ordinance 14-16 and Resolution 8851-16, both pertaining to a revetment at the Meridian. She explained that the owners of the Meridian have submitted petitions for a special assessment and that the two processes must move forward concurrently according to the Charter. More information is forthcoming.

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to refer to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2-16** – AN ORDINANCE to amend various sections within Chapter 1329, Signs, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood and other sign-related sections in order to update the code. (FIRST READING AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & PLANNING COMMISSION 1/19/16)(Pg. 39)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Ordinance on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 36-15A** – AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, amending Ordinance 36-15, adopted December 21, 2015, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into contracts for professional services, and to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of repair maintenance and operating supplies, services and equipment as authorized by the 2016 Appropriations Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law. (1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/19/16) (Pg. 76)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Ordinance No. 36-15A on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 4-16** – AN ORDINANCE amending the Code to provide for the impounding and disposition of certain animals, and establishing related charges. (1ST READING & REFERRED THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 1/19/16) (Pg. 82)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Ordinance No. 4-16 on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

*******NEW BUSINESS*******

13. Communication from Councilmember Marx regarding Backyard Hen Pilot Program Update. (Pg.85)

Motion by Ms. Marx, seconded by Mr. O’Leary, to refer to the Housing Committee.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

14. Communication from Councilmember Marx regarding Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board. (Pg. 86)

Motion by Ms. Marx, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive, file and refer to the Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

15. Communication from Councilmember Litten regarding Scott Koons to Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee. (Pg. 87)

Motion by Mr. Litten, seconded by Mr. O’Leary, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

16. Communication from Councilmember Marx regarding Lakewood Water Quality. (Pg. 88)

Motion by Ms. Marx, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive, file and refer the communication to the Public Works Committee.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

17. Communication from Finance Director Pae regarding 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Bonds, and Bond anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$55.144 million. (Pg. 95)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to suspend the rules and read items 18-27 consecutively for a blanket motion.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Litten, Marx, Nowlin, O’Leary, O’Malley

Nays: None

*Motion adopted. Rules suspended. The clerk reads items for blanket motion at end of item 27.

18. **ORDINANCE NO. 5-16 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENTLY REFUNDING NOTES ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF (I) (A) THE CITY’S WEST END SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, (B) RESURFACING VARIOUS STREETS IN THE**

CITY, (C) IMPROVING PARKS WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING LAKEWOOD PARK, WAGAR PARK AND THE LAKEWOOD PARK STATE HOUSE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, (D) IMPROVING SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE CITY AND (E) REPLACING OR IMPROVING THE ROOFS OF CITY HALL, CITY HALL ANNEX, WINTERHURST ICE RINK AND THE CITY'S SERVICE GARAGE AND (II) RETIRING THE CITY'S VARIOUS PURPOSE IMPROVEMENT NOTES, SERIES 2014, WHICH WERE ISSUED TO PAY COSTS OF (A) IMPROVING MADISON AVENUE BY PROVIDING NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION; (B) IMPROVING AND RENOVATING THE REFUSE FACILITY; (C) REPLACING THE ROOF ON CITY HALL; (D) RESURFACING VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY; (E) IMPROVING DETROIT AVENUE, FRANKLIN STREET, HILLIARD STREET AND MADISON AVENUE BY PROVIDING NEW AND UPGRADED TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS; (F) IMPROVING THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE VENTILATION SYSTEM; (G) IMPROVING PARKS WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING LAKEWOOD PARK, WAGAR PARK AND THE LAKEWOOD PARK SKATE HOUSE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; (VIII) RECONSTRUCTING MADISON AVENUE; (H) CONSTRUCTING A SHEET PILE BULKHEAD, DOCKS AND A PARKING AREA, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; (I) IMPROVING SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE CITY, (J) REPLACING A SALT STORAGE FACILITY AND (K) IMPROVING THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THE CITY BY CONSTRUCTING THE WEST END SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT AND A NEW SANITARY SEWER AND IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE EXISTING SANITARY SEWERS AND STORM WATER SEWERS ALONG EDGEWATER DRIVE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 98)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read.

19. **ORDINANCE NO. 6-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED **\$26,500,000 OF BONDS** FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENTLY **REFUNDING THE CITY'S ROCKPORT SQUARE IMPROVEMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**, SERIES 2004 (LIMITED TAX OBLIGATION) (TAXABLE), DATED AUGUST 11, 2004; VARIOUS PURPOSE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2005, DATED MAY 26, 2005; SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006, DATED AUGUST 30, 2006 AND WATERSYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006, DATED AUGUST 30, 2006; APPROVING RELATED

MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 110)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

20. **ORDINANCE NO. 7-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$4,845,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; TO PAY COSTS OF **DESIGNING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTING SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 121)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

21. **ORDINANCE NO. 8-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$1,640,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; TO PAY COSTS OF DESIGNING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTING WATER IMPROVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 131)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

22. **ORDINANCE NO. 9-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; TO PAY COSTS OF **IMPROVING ANDREWS AVENUE, ATHENS AVENUE, CHESTERLAND AVENUE, CONCORD DRIVE, DELAWARE AVENUE, ERIE CLIFF DRIVE, HALL AVENUE, LAKE POINT DRIVE, LEEDALE AVENUE, LEONARD AVENUE, MARS AVENUE, MCKINLEY AVENUE, NORTHWOOD AVENUE, RICHLAND AVENUE, SHAW AVENUE AND WEST 117TH STREET, AND OTHER STREETS** LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY, BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, BY RESURFACING AND REPLACING CONCRETE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 141)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

23. **ORDINANCE NO. 10-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; TO PAY THE COSTS OF **IMPROVING PARKS** WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING KIDS COVE PLAYGROUND, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 151)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

24. **ORDINANCE NO. 11-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; TO PAY COSTS OF **IMPROVING SIDEWALKS** WITHIN THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 161)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

25. **ORDINANCE 12-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$355,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; TO PAY COSTS OF **IMPROVING FRANKLIN AVENUE AND HILLIARD ROAD**, BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, BY PROVIDING NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 171)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

26. **ORDINANCE 13-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; TO PAY THE COSTS OF **REPLACING OR IMPROVING ROOFS OF THE FIRE STATION AND WINTERHURST ICE RINK**, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 181)

*Blanket motion to place on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee is made after item 27 is read

27. **ORDINANCE 14-16** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **NOTES** IN THE AMOUNT OF **NOT TO EXCEED \$704,000** IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE

OF BONDS; TO PAY COSTS OF PROVIDING, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING A REVENTMENT ON THE NORTHERLY PROPERTY LINE OF THE MERIDIAN CONDOMINIUM TO PROTECT THE MERIDIAN CONDOMINIUM'S WESTERLY PROPERTY LINE WITH LAKE ERIE, EASTWARD TO THE INTERSECTION OF MERIDIAN CONDOMINIUM'S EASTERLY PROPERTY LNE WITH LAKE ERIE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Pg. 191)

*Blanket motion made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson to place Ordinances from items 17-27 on 1st Reading and refer to the Finance Committee.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

28. Communication from Mayor Summers regarding Amendment to Chapter 557 – Parade & Special Events. (Pg. 200)

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

29. **ORDINANCE NO. 15-16** – AN ORDINANCE amending Section 557.05, Fees of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to reflect that the application fee shall not be refundable as the City's actual costs in accepting and processing any permit application along with the minimal services required for any special event permit exceed the application fee. (Pg. 201)

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Ordinance No. 15-16 on 1st Reading and refer it to the Rules & Ordinances Committee.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

30. Communication from Planning & Development Director Siley regarding Zoning Code Chapter 1143 – Error of Omission. (Pg. 203)

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

31. **ORDINANCE NO. 16-16** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, to amend Section 1143.05

Schedule of Uses and Space Requirements, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood. (Pg. 204)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Ordinance No. 16-16 on 1st Reading and refer to the Planning Commission.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

32. Communication from Planning & Development Director Siley regarding Leasing of space to the Community Health Center. (Pg. 208)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

33. **RESOLUTION NO. 8849-16** – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Lakewood Hospital Association for the lease of real property located at 1450 Belle Avenue, Ste. 220 also known as the Community Health Center. (Pg. 209)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Resolution 8849-16 on 1st Reading and refer it to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

34. Communication from Law Director Butler regarding Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Stormwater Service Agreement. (Pg. 212)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

35. **RESOLUTION NO. 8850-16** – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Stormwater Service Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. (Pg. 213)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Resolution 8850-16 on 1st Reading and refer to the Public Works Committee.

36. Communication from City Engineer Papke regarding 12550 Lake Avenue (Meridian) Erosion Protection – Resolution of Necessity. (Pg. 281)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

37. **RESOLUTION NO. 8851-16** – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, declaring it necessary to construct and provide improvements to protect the northerly property line of the Meridian Condominium to provide, construct and install a revetment on the northerly property line by Lake Erie, at the Meridian Condominium located at 12550 Lake Avenue. (Pg. 282)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place Resolution 8851-16 on 1st Reading and refer to the Public Works Committee.

38. Liquor Permit Application for D5 and D6 Transfers to Barroco Grill 12906 Madison Avenue from Cappys Wine and Spirits; 309 W. Loveland Ave, Loveland, Ohio 45140. (Pg. 285)

Motion by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to file without objection.
Motion adopted. All members

Coletta Graham – 1286 Chase

Mrs. Graham asked which Fire Departments need roof replacements.

Director Beno responded stating that the Fire House on Clifton needs a roof repair.

Mrs. Graham asked why the referendum petitions had not been turned in to Board of Elections for a week. She asked about the compensation and work schedule of the City’s Law Director.

Councilmember O’Leary responded that there is a precedent for having a part-time Law Director in the City.

Councilmember Bullock clarified that when the Law Director works part-time he is paid at a part-time rate.

Councilmember O’Leary explained the Civil Service Commission and its role in determining compensation of public employees.

Mayor Summers noted that 50 of the county communities have part-time Law Directors. The Assistant Law Director has been changed to full-time to ensure that the City’s needs are covered.

Judy Gillespie – 23003 Chandlers Lane, Olmsted Falls

Mrs. Gillespie complained that Save Lakewood Hospital has never been appreciated by Council for its faithful and enduring efforts to save lives. She read the google definition of trust. She criticized the Law Director for not immediately turning in the petitions to the Board of Elections.

Vonny Rubin - 14401 Detroit

Ms. Rubin stated that there will be severe economic and health ramifications of closing Lakewood Hospital. She spoke about the plight of those residents who rely on public transportation. She criticized the non-compete clause. She questioned who benefits from these decisions.

Tara Peppard – 1278 Edwards

Ms. Peppard expressed dismay with Council's decision to close Lakewood Hospital. She expressed concern for the underprivileged and stated that lives will be at risk. She alleged that the proposed ER is just an urgent care. She charged that the hospital's financial problems were manufactured. She questioned how long the rainy day fund will sustain the City. She asked Council to remove the non-compete clause and to make room for another health system to run the hospital. She bemoaned the loss of the Lakewood Hospital Foundation.

Councilmember O'Leary clarified that the assets of Lakewood Hospital Foundation are not involved in the hospital transaction.

In response to a remark made by Ms. Peppard, Chief Gilman explained that there will be no change in the way that children's sports injuries will be treated under the new plan. He added that strokes will be treated the same in the new ER as they are treated at Fairview.

Kevin Young – Elbur Ave

Mr. Young described the signature-gathering effort. He requested that Council call a special meeting about the referendum and that the issue be placed on the March ballot.

Director Butler explained the referendum process.

Councilmembers asked questions about the impact of the referendum on the March election. It was stated that ballots were mailed to overseas voters on Jan 29th.

Councilman O'Leary summarized that when the petitions are returned from the Board of Elections to council then council will make a determination at that time about the next steps.

Councilmembers and the Law Director discussed the cost and timing of a potential special election. The Board of Elections has quoted the cost of a special election to be \$100,000 - \$150,000.

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson to adjourn.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

Meeting adjourned 9:23 PM.

Approved: _____

CLERK

PRESIDENT