

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12650 DETROIT AVENUE  
DECEMBER 3, 2012  
7:30 P.M.**

Regular Meeting of the Lakewood City Council called to order at 7:37 PM by President Powers.

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Present: Councilmembers David Anderson, Thomas R. Bullock III, Shawn Juris, Mary Louise Madigan, Ryan Nowlin, Brian E. Powers, Monique Smith.

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Also Present: Mayor Summers, Law Director Butler, Finance Director Pae, Public Works Director Beno, Police Chief Malley, Fire Chief Gilman, Director of Planning and Development/Assistant Director of Public Safety for Housing and Building Siley, Human Resources Director Yousefi.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held October 29, 2012 and the Regular Meeting of Council held November 5, 2012 without the necessity of a reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea

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\*\*\*\*\***OLD BUSINESS**\*\*\*\*\*

1. Finance Committee Report regarding Ordinance 65-12 (& Resolution No. 8620-12 (added on) (TO BE PROVIDED)

Finance Chair Madigan provided the following report:  
Ordinance 65-12 pertains to adding a City Planner position. The ordinance was previously discussed on Saturday December 1, 2012. Present at the meeting were all members of Council, the Mayor, the Finance Director, the Assistant Finance Director and the Director of Human Resources. Councilwoman Madigan explained the City Planner position has been created from the elimination of three different positions. At the end of 2010, the Assistant Director of Planning and Development position was eliminated. Then, in 2011, the Assistant Director of Safety, Building and Housing position was eliminated and the duties were absorbed by the Director of Planning and Development, who is our current Director, Dru Siley. In October 2012, the Department had a retirement of a Project Specialist position that will be eliminated by the end of the year through attrition. The elimination of these three positions has allowed the administration to ask for the creation of a new civil service position named "City Planner." Councilwoman Madigan explained that ordinance 65-12 asks for permission to create this position. Councilwoman

Madigan asked the Director of Human Resources to speak more about this ordinance. She mentioned that the administration has requested that Council suspend its rules and pass ordinance 65-12 on tonight's agenda. She mentioned that suspending the rules is not taken lightly but that Council does want to accommodate the timing issues with this ordinance.

Director Yousefi explained that it was important to pass this ordinance tonight. Prior to the elimination of the position, the person who held the position had been on medical leave for 10 months. The situation created a backlog of work that needs to be addressed. Additionally, the civil service requirements will take some time.

Councilwoman Madigan spoke to the issue of efficiency within the Department of Development and acknowledged the tremendous amount of work the Department has accomplished within the year. Currently, the Director and the Director's staff are doing more than one job.

Director Siley added that the Department has a high volume of work and that acting on the ordinance quickly is helpful to the Department. The Department's headcount will remain the same.

Councilwoman Madigan stated that this ordinance was reviewed in the Finance Committee and that the Finance Committee recommended full adoption by Council.

Councilwoman Madigan spoke about agenda item #21, Resolution No. 8620-12 and explained that the Resolution renewed the City's current contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption to the full Council.

Motion by Ms. Madigan, seconded by Mr. Powers, to receive and file the oral report.  
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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2. **ORDINANCE NO. 65-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, to provide for creating positions and rates of pay for full-time and certain part-time annual salaried employees and hourly rate employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement in the several departments, divisions and offices of the City of Lakewood, including the Chief of Fire, Chief of Police and Civil Service Commissioners. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 9)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to suspend the rules requiring this Ordinance to be read on three separate days and placing Ordinance No. 65-12 on final reading.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Juris, Madigan, Nowlin, Powers, Smith  
Nays; None.  
Motion adopted. Rules suspended.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Ordinance No. 65-12. .

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Juris, Madigan, Nowlin, Powers, Smith  
Nays; None.  
Motion adopted. Ordinance No. 65-12 Adopted.

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3. **ORDINANCE NO. 64-12** - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 135.12, SAVE Rewards Program, Section 137.16, Emergency Medical Services Commission, Chapter 141, Boxing and Wrestling Commission, Section 149.20, Incentive Awards, Chapter 151, Sundry Claims, and Chapter 158, Child Care Services Advisory Board, and amending Section 109.01, Open Meetings, and Section 127.02, Settlement Authorization, of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances, to eliminate instances of outmoded or unused committees, commissions or boards from the Code. (PLACE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING AND REFERRED TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE) (Pg.15)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to place Ordinance No. 64-12 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to suspend the rules, allowing for items 4-20 to be read consecutively and voted on in one blanket motion.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Juris, Madigan, Nowlin, Powers, Smith  
Nays; None.  
Motion adopted. Rules suspended.

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*\*The Clerk reads items 4-20 - for single motion after item 20 placing items 4-20 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading*

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 66-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.22)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 67-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council,

or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, law authorizing the transfer and advance of certain funds. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 35)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 58-11C** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, amending Ordinance 58-11B, adopted September 7, 2012 for the purpose of adding, deleting, and increasing contracting authority for 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 2012 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.37)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 68-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.44)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 69-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, 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 2013 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.57)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 70-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, 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 service contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the **Department of Planning & Development** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 61)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 71-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, 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 **Memberships** as authorized by the 2013 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed \$50,000 without separate Ordinance of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 63)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 72-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, to amend section 915.01, Establishment of Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of adjusting water rates charged against each lot, parcel of land or premises which may have an active water connection with the Municipal water system. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 67)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 73-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, amending section 902.04, Rates and Charges, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of adjusting sewer rates charged against each lot, parcel of land or premises which may have an active sewer connection with the Municipal wastewater disposal system or which may otherwise discharge wastewater either directly or indirectly into such system or any part thereof. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 69)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 74-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for **Street Infrastructure Improvements** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.71)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

14. **ORDINANCE NO. 75-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the **Wastewater System and Treatment Improvement Program** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.73)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

15. **ORDINANCE NO. 76-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the **Water System Replacement Program** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.75)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

16. **ORDINANCE NO. 77-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for **C.D.B.G. Fund Infrastructure Improvements** in accordance with the administrative code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 77)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

17. **ORDINANCE NO. 78-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the purchase of **Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.79)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

18. **ORDINANCE NO. 79-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for **Buildings & Facilities Improvements** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg. 81)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

19. **ORDINANCE NO. 80-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for **Traffic Signs & Signals** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.83)

\* blanket motion made after item 20 to place item on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

20. **ORDINANCE NO. 81-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing 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 advertise for bid and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for **Parks & Pools Improvements** in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. (PLACED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING & REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.85)

\*Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to place items 4-20 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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21. **RESOLUTION NO. 8620-12** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it received the affirmative vote of at least five (5) 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 an agreement with the District Advisory Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio General Health District for the provision of public health services within the City of Lakewood in an amount not to exceed \$200,183.00 for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2013. (REFERED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 11/19/12) (Pg.87)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Resolution No. 8620-12.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

**\*\*\*NEW BUSINESS\*\*\*\***

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, suspend the rules to allow the reading of items 22-28 consecutively for a single motion after item 28.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Juris, Madigan, Nowlin, Powers, Smith

Nays: None

Motion adopted. Rules suspended

\*The Clerk reads items 22-28 - for single motion after item 28 referring resolutions to the Committee of the Whole

22. **RESOLUTION NO. 8621-12** - 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 vacancy on the Civil Service Commission for the full term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015. (Pg. 90)

\*Motion made after item 28 to refer to the Committee of the Whole

23. **RESOLUTION NO. 8622-12** - 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 vacancy on the Planning Commission for the full term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2018. (Pg. 91)

\*Motion made after item 28 to refer to the Committee of the Whole

24. **RESOLUTION NO. 8623-12** - 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 vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals for the full term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2017. (Pg. 92)

\*Motion made after item 28 to refer to the Committee of the Whole

25. **RESOLUTION NO. 8624-12** - 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 vacancy on the Board of Building Standards and Building Appeals and Architectural Board of Review for the full term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2017. (Pg. 93)

\*Motion made after item 28 to refer to the Committee of the Whole

26. **RESOLUTION NO. 8625-12** - 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the vacancies on the Audit Committee for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013. (Pg. 94)

\*Motion made after item 28 to refer to the Committee of the Whole

27. **RESOLUTION NO. 8626-12** - 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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lakewood Tree Task Force. (Pg. 95)

\*Motion made after item 28 to refer to the Committee of the Whole

28. **RESOLUTION NO. 8627-12** - 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 vacancy on the Board of Nuisance Abatement Appeals for the full term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015. (Pg. 96)

\*Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to refer items 22-28 to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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29. Communication from Councilmembers Madigan and Powers regarding Storm Response from FirstEnergy. (Pg.97)

Motion by Ms. Madigan, seconded by Mr. Powers, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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30. Communication from Councilmember Smith regarding Marketing Lakewood. (Pg.99)

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive, file and refer the communication to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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31. Communication form Human Services Director Buckon regarding Resolution commending Cox Cleveland and Cox Charities Cleveland for support of H20 (Help to Others) youth volunteer program. (Pg.101)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to defer action on this time.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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32. **RESOLUTION NO. 8628-12** – A RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Cox Cleveland and Cox Charities Cleveland for their monetary, volunteer and technological contributions in support of the H20 (Help to Others), a youth volunteer program of the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth. (Pg.102)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to defer action on this time.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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33. Liquor Permit Application for transfers to Mars Bar, 15314 Madison Avenue from Delta Distributors; same address. (Pg. 103)

Motion by Mr. Nowlin, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to file no objection to this liquor permit.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

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**Post Agenda Comments:**

Ben VanLier provided prepared remarks re: Lakewood's "bikeability"

Members of the City Council, I am here tonight with a group of local residents and cyclists to express support for current and future improvements in Lakewood's bikeability. It is been very exciting and

just this past year, to see Lakewood and the region's first on street bike corral, sharrows approved for Detroit Avenue, And many bike racks installed outside local businesses and actually incorporated into the design of new projects, like the new Drug Mart façade.

Lakewood set a great goal in the bicycle master plan to be "nationally recognized as one of the most bicycle friendly communities in the country by 2015" By the league of American cyclists. The accomplishments of just the past year put us on the way to doing just that, and I think there are opportunities for additional bold improvements that will help us towards that goal and makes cycling in Lakewood safer and more accessible to everyone. To that end I created a proposal for bike lanes to be incorporated into the Madison Avenue resurfacing project and a petition that has 589 signatures, 250 from Lakewood residents and about 200 more from residents of Cleveland and other neighboring communities.

I want to express my appreciation to Mayor Summers, Mr. Bullock, and Mr. Siley for setting up a meeting to discuss the technical implications of adding a bike lane to the Madison resurfacing project. Thank you very much, I think we've had some good discussion already, and I think the goal is to ensure we export all opportunities for improving Madison's bikeability.

I provided some information on bike lanes in general in the proposal document that I emailed the council and others a few weeks ago. Bike Lane application is growing cities all over as more and more data show how effective they are, Portland Minneapolis Boston Chicago and all of the league of American bicyclists top cities for cycling have on road bike lanes. And so to close I'll just read a couple bullets from a short memo about bike lanes prepared by the city of New York's mayor's office in 2011 as an example of what bike lanes, the main building block of successful bike networks, can do.

- 255 miles of bike lanes have been added in the last four years. The city has 6000 miles of streets.
  - Bike lanes improve safety. The cycling in the city has more than doubled in the last four years, the number of fatal cycling crashes serious injuries has declined due to the safer bike network.
- Thank you for your consideration.

General comments were made in support of bicycle initiatives in Lakewood from two members of the business community.

Councilmember Bullock indicated his support.

Mayor Summers informed Council that the Dispatch upgrade is underway.

Motion by Mr. Powes, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adjourn.  
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.  
Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESIDENT