

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:Mayor DiCicco:

The Mayor hoped all who celebrated had a Happy Easter.

The Mayor wished Lisa Benedetti a happy birthday as it is today.

Be advised that the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is holding public meetings regarding budget issues. Discussion will include proposed fare increases and service modifications. According to RTA, modifications to routes will impact less than 2 percent of RTA's current customers and, fares have not been increased in 7 years. It appears the proposed increase in cash fares would be between \$0.25 and \$0.50. For passes, the proposed increase is between \$0.50 and \$1.00 for individuals and \$0.25 and \$0.50 for seniors, disabled and children.

Three Paratransit proposals are being considered:

1. Fares may rise from the current \$2.25 per ride to \$3.50 per ride.
2. ADA customers may no longer ride regular buses and trains for free.
3. Personal Care Attendants may pay the regular fare on buses and trains.

Route changes will likely take effect in August. Some changes may affect riders to and from our community.

The next meeting closest to our area will be held on Thursday, March 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Euclid Public Library located at 631 E 222 St. in Euclid. For more information, call 216-621-9500 or visit RTA's website at www.riderta.com.

A resident of our city called with glowing remarks about the service provided by Community Partnership on Aging. In particular, she was singing the praises of volunteer coordinator, Corrine Dunn. The Mayor wanted to publicly acknowledge this commendation and add his praise. Community Partnership on Aging, under the leadership of Executive Director Stacy O'Brien, provides unparalleled older adult programming and services. The Mayor urged all of our residents to familiarize themselves with the wide array of offerings for themselves or for their loved ones. You can contact CPA at 216-291-3902 or visit their website at www.communitypartnershiponaging.org. Be sure to sign up to receive their monthly newsletter to receive regular updates.

Some seasonal reminders:

As we embark upon the season of home and yard maintenance projects, keep in mind that some projects do require permits. You can contact our building department at 442-2626 x211 to determine if your project falls into that category.

Also, be aware that there are time restrictions on projects that cause noise disturbances such as construction or grass cutting. Such activities are prohibited between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Finally, trash should be brought to the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm on the evening prior to your regular trash collection day. All empty receptacles should be removed as soon as possible following collection. Also, tree branches and limbs should be placed at the curb only in line with your trash collection schedule. The chipper truck follows that same schedule.

Director of Law Murphy: Mr. Murphy requested an executive session after the regular business of Council for pending and imminent litigation.

Director of Finance Tribby: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Building Committee: Mr. DeJohn stated he reviewed the clandestine drug ordinance he requested and he has a few revisions to submit to Mr. Murphy. Once those are made he will request the ordinance be removed from the table and he has a consultant who will explain it. Mrs. Finney asked who was hiring the consultant. Mr. DeJohn replied the consultant is doing it at no cost.

Finance and Audit Committee: Mrs. Sabetta reported a meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to review the salary ordinance modifications.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Public Works and Services Committee: Mr. Mercurio reported the Service Department has installed the tennis courts nets and repaired some concrete and drains in the pavilions in the park. Road repairs continue for winter damage. Cuyahoga County held a hazardous waste roundup and the City was able to dispose of 8.6 tons of hazardous waste.

Recreation and Parks Committee: Mr. Manno reviewed upcoming events:
April 9 – Resident registration for day camp, swim lessons and pool passes
April 10 - Pancake Breakfast
April 12 – Adult Afternoon Out
April 15 – Bus trip to Canton, Ohio
April 28 – Planting tips for indoor and outdoor presented by the students and staff of the Mayfield Environmental Education Program.

Safety and Transportation Committee: No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Mercurio reported on the meeting held March 15, 2016. Copies of the minutes of the meeting were mailed to all members and are a part of the permanent record.

Planning Commission: Mr. DeJohn reported on the meeting held March 21, 2016. Copies of the minutes of the meeting were mailed to all members and are a part of the permanent record.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-24: "A Resolution confirming the action of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Mayfield Heights in granting to Michael Nicholson, 1391 Ranchland Drive, a two foot variance from the property line to replace a detached garage (Cuyahoga County Permanent Parcel No. 861-05-088)." Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only. Mr. Manno moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mrs. Snider. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Snider, DeJohn, Manno, Mercurio, Sabetta, Finney, Teresi. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mrs. Finney moved for adoption, seconded by Mr. DeJohn. Mrs. Teresi noted this is for a 2 foot variance for a detached garage and it had unanimous approval. Mr. Mercurio commented this same variance was granted last year, but the variance expired before the work could be done so approval was needed again. It had unanimous approval from both the BZA and Council last year. Due to the way the property is configured, there is a practical difficulty. The old garage was in the same location as the new one will be. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Sabetta, Manno, Mercurio, Finney, Snider, DeJohn, Teresi. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12: "An Ordinance amending Section 303.05(a) (11) of the Codified ordinances of the City of Mayfield Heights titled "Impounding of Vehicles; Redemption." Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only. Mrs. Sabetta moved to place the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mrs. Snider. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Manno, Mercurio, DeJohn, Sabetta, Finney, Snider, Teresi. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-13: "An Ordinance enacting Chapter 787 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mayfield Heights regarding retail video surveillance." Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Manno moved to place the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Mercurio. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: DeJohn, Snider, Finney, Mercurio, Manno, Sabetta, Teresi. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on second reading.

Mrs. Finney, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta, moved to confirm the decision of the Planning Commission approving a preliminary site plan for a new 40,570 sq. ft. retail building for Ashley Furniture at 1401 Golden Gate Boulevard. Mrs. Teresi remarked this had unanimous approval. Mr. DeJohn explained the Police Department approved the plans and the Fire Department had a request for a lock to be changed on a gate for an emergency drive, which was done. Two parking spaces were eliminated by the traffic engineer. Mr. DeJohn stated he asked if the road stub owned by the City would ever be used as an ingress/egress and the developer assured him it would not. Mrs. Teresi asked when construction would begin. Mr. DeJohn replied as soon as all the final approvals and permits are given. Mr. Manno asked if the construction traffic on the access road in front of Costco would impact those customers. Chris Courtney, Civil Engineering consultant for the project, spoke. He stated it would not be a problem as the road is part of the easement for this site. Mr. Manno mentioned the road is heavily used on weekends. Mr. Courtney stated the company would probably schedule to accommodate the current usage of the road for Costco. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Finney, Sabetta, Snider, Manno, DeJohn, Mercurio, Teresi. NAYS: None. *Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS; COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

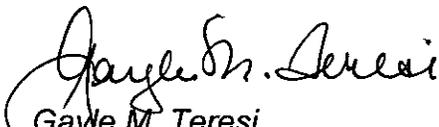
Mrs. Sabetta noted Permanent Parcel #862-07-085 is owned by the City and is located on Bonnie Lane. She would like to recommend some beautification be made to the property. Perhaps enhanced landscaping and a bench could be installed for the many walkers and joggers who use that street to make it a small rest stop. Mr. Manno wondered who would be responsible for any cleanup to the property. It is a great idea, but there have been issues with other locations around the City. The Mayor commented both are worthy ideas and thoughts.

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Teresi asked for a motion for executive session.

Mr. DeJohn, seconded by Mr. Mercurio, moved to hold an executive session for pending and imminent litigation. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Mercurio, Finney, Sabetta, DeJohn, Snider, Manno, Teresi. NAYS: None. *Motion carried.* Mrs. Teresi recessed the meeting at 7:41 P.M. and Council went into executive session at 7:44 P.M. Council reconvened at 8:09 P.M.

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Teresi adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Approved:


Gayle M. Teresi
Council President

Respectfully submitted,


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Deputy Clerk of Council