

**CITY OF MAYFIELD HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019**

The public hearing was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Council President Donna Finney.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Ballistrea, Mr. Robert DeJohn,
Mrs. Donna Finney, Mr. Donald Manno,
Mrs. Susan Sabetta, Mrs. Diane Snider.
ABSENT: Mrs. Gayle Teresi.

Also present were Mayor Anthony DiCicco, Law Director Paul T. Murphy, Finance Director/Clerk of Council Karen Fegan and Deputy Clerk of Council Lisa Benedetti.

The purpose of the hearing was to hear comments from the public regarding Ordinance No. 2019-4: An Ordinance approving the Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2019-2033) in the City of Mayfield Heights for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District.

Mr. Murphy read the ordinance in its entirety.

As there were no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:50 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Donna Finney.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Ballistrea, Mr. Robert DeJohn,
Mrs. Donna Finney, Mr. Donald Manno,
Mrs. Susan Sabetta, Mrs. Diane Snider.
ABSENT: Mrs. Gayle Teresi.

Also present were Mayor Anthony DiCicco, Law Director Paul T. Murphy, Director of Finance/Clerk of Council Karen Fegan and Deputy Clerk of Council Lisa Benedetti.

In attendance: Police Captain Doug Suydam, City Engineer Dan Gerson, Fire Chief Bruce Elliott, Service Director Joe Fornaro, Building Director Tom Jamieson, and Recreation Director Sean Ward.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22: "A Resolution commending Police Lieutenant Christopher Sonnhalter upon his retirement from the Police Department of the City of Mayfield Heights, Ohio." Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only. Mr. Ballistrea moved for suspensions of the rules, seconded by Mrs. Snider. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Manno, Ballistrea, DeJohn, Sabetta, Snider, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mrs. Snider moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: DeJohn, Snider, Ballistrea, Manno, Sabetta, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mayor DiCicco read the resolution in its entirety and presented the resolution to Mr. Sonnhalter. Mr. Sonnhalter thanked everyone. *The resolution is adopted.*

Mr. Manno moved to suspend reading of the Council minutes of February 25, 2019, and approve as written, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. All in favor, motion carried. *Minutes approved.*

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Snider reported the Euclid Creek Watershed Council would be holding a meeting at Mayfield Heights City Hall on March 21 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Manno thanked Fire Chief Elliott for the comprehensive Fire Department annual report. It was very detailed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Mayor Anthony DiCicco:

The Mayor congratulated Chief Bittner and Patrolmen Trent Parker on achieving compliance with 100% of the Standards for Jails in Ohio for the 2018 Inspection Schedule year. The inspection assessed compliance with a group of standards selected by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The group of standards being inspected focused on Reception & Release, Classification, Security, Housing, Sanitation and Environmental Conditions, Communication, Visitation, Medical and Mental Health Services, Food Service, Staffing, and Staff Training. The inspection consisted of this Inspector receiving and/or reviewing requested documentation and/or materials, touring selected areas of the jail, and having discussions with various jail staff. Thank you for all your hard work and efforts achieving this level of compliance.

On June 6, 2018 Mayfield Heights EMS crews responded to an incident for a car that rolled into a person, and pinned them against telephone pole. The 24 year old male was in serious condition, and the paramedics did a great job upon delivery to the hospital. The trauma doctor, Dr. Capizzani, was so impressed with the job the crews did he nominated Mayfield Heights FD for the 2018 EMS Star of Life Award. Dr. Capizzani called this incident the biggest save of his life. We have been informed that the Mayfield Heights crew that responded to that call is one of nine for the whole state that will receive the award. The ceremony will take place in Columbus, May 22nd. The award is a great honor and we are very proud that Lt. Jeff Lanhan, FF. Tom Zdanowicz, FF. Kevin Costantino and FF. Ryan Gvora will be recognized for their efforts. We are very lucky to have such skilled and dedicated Fire Department personnel serving our residents.

A public presentation will be held April 15, 2019 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Ross C DeJohn Community Center for the final community engagement session for the Mayfield Heights Connectivity Study. We will share the plan recommendations, review priority projects and discuss next steps. We really would like as much community input as possible. Please preview the final draft plan and let us know what you think by completing a three question survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHConnectivitySurvey2>.

Effective Leadership Academy recently partnered with the Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Mayfield High School to offer a Mayfield Area Chamber Leadership Academy to Mayfield area high school students. The Leadership Academy is a college and workforce-readiness program that offers students a chance to interact with key business executives from their community and also receive leadership training. The Effective Leadership Academy will run the MCLA program from July 22-26 from 9:00 – Noon. The first day of the program will be held in the Council Chambers.

Charley's Philly Steaks will be moving into the former Pot Belly's space on SOM Center. Plans are approved and work should be underway soon.

Director of Law Paul Murphy: No report.

Director of Finance Karen Fegan: At the Finance and Audit Committee meeting, there were a lot of good questions pertaining to the budget. She prepared responses and these were sent to all members. She thanked everyone for their input.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Building Committee: Mrs. Snider stated she is working to schedule a meeting for signs and amusement devices.

Finance and Audit Committee: Mrs. Sabetta reported the committee met March 6, 2019 to review the annual appropriations, which is on the agenda this evening.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Public Works and Services Committee: Mr. Ballistrea stated he would be scheduling a meeting to further discuss the sidewalk program.

Recreation and Parks Committee: Mr. Manno reported as follows:

The Spring/Summer Recreation Activity Guide will be mailed soon. This book has all recreational programs, activities, and special events for residents of all ages that the city puts on. If you did not get an Activity Guide please call the Recreation Department and we will get one out to you.

Resident Registration for Day Camp, Swim Lessons and Pool Passes begins Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 am – 10:30 am at the DeJohn Community Center. Please visit the website www.mayfieldheights.org for more details and watch your mail for the brochure coming soon.

Silver Social Dance - March 23 6 - 8:30 pm. Dinner and dancing \$10/person. Advance registration required by March 15.

Pancake Breakfast - Join Mayor DiCicco and City Council April 7, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm for all you can eat pancakes, French toast and sausage. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Mayor, any Council Member, Parks and Recreation Commission Members, or at City Hall. Pre-sale tickets are \$5.00 per person (\$6 at the door), kids 6 and under eat Free!

Bunny Bruch - April 13, 9 - 10:30 am at the DeJohn Community Center. Tickets are \$7.00 per person, pre-registration is required.

For more information please call the Recreation Department at 440- 442-2627.

Mayor DiCicco added the City received some quotes to strip and seal the community center floor. After that, the cleaning machine the City purchased can be used on it. The floor is stone and should never be waxed.

Safety and Transportation Committee: Mr. DeJohn commended Fire Chief Elliott on the 2018 annual report. Some items of note are there were 3998 incidents with 3276 being medical and 722 fire related. The report is on the Fire Department page of the City website. Mr. DeJohn also reminded residents firefighters can install for free new photoelectric smoke detectors and for a fee safety lock boxes, so emergency personnel can enter a home more easily.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mrs. Sabetta stated a meeting would be held March 12, 2019 with three items on the agenda.

Planning Commission: Mr. Ballistrea reported on the meeting held March 4, 2019. Copies of the minutes of the meeting were distributed to all members and are a part of the permanent record.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jules Belkin, 2219 Landerhaven Court, spoke about the CA Senior Living project being built on Landerhaven Drive. He mentioned that the City services have been great over the years. An easement to the City from the developer for the corner of the property near Landerhaven Court was approved early last year. Since September 2018 several emails and letters have been sent by Landerhaven Court residents to Mr. Murphy and Council Member Mike Ballistrea asking what was happening with this easement as it had not yet been recorded. Mr. Ballistrea responded several times and on January 16, 2019, he relayed the fact that Mr. Murphy had stated it was in the works. Mr. Belkin asked for the status. Mr. Murphy stated the signed easement was now with the developer to be recorded.

Jim Wallace, Prospectus Architecture, stated he would like to request rezoning of property on the northwest corner of Landerbrook Drive and Cedar from U2(A)(1) to U7. It is an empty lot and a doctors group would like to build a medical building. The doctor would like to expand his practice as well as leasing some of the space. This may bring 30-40 employees to the site. Variances would be necessary too for the size of the parcel and potential setbacks. Mrs. Finney referred his request to the Planning Commission.

John Molchan, Fairchild Management, stated there are two items tabled pertaining to a sign on the east side of the proposed self-storage facility. He cited an Ohio Supreme Court case Duncan v. Middlefield which had seven points for granting a variance. He believes this variance should have been given, due to this ruling. The main point being the fact that the sign would not be on a side where there is an unrestricted ingress/egress. Only customers can get in and he does not believe the code was meant for this purpose. He also noted there are five properties not covered by the Mayfield Road Corridor plan and these five properties have large signs on non-customer entrance sides of the building facing the freeway. He commented that this would not set a bad precedent, as there are already signs allowed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23: "A Resolution approving a lot consolidation and lot split of Cuyahoga County Permanent Parcel Nos. 863-25-034, 863-25-035, 863-25-036, 863-25-037, 863-25-038 and 863-25-039 (Bridgeport Way) so as to create five parcels." Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only. Mrs. Snider moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Manno. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Sabetta, Snider, Manno, DeJohn, Ballistrea, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mr. Manno moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Snider. Mr. Ballistrea explained this was done in order to be able to build five single family homes instead of three duplexes. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Ballistrea, Sabetta, DeJohn, Snider, Manno, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24: "A Resolution amending the various Petty Cash and Change Funds and declaring an emergency." Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only. Mr. Manno moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Snider, DeJohn, Manno, Ballistrea, Sabetta, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mr. Ballistrea moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Snider. Mrs. Fegan noted this was cleaning up and deleting some petty cash accounts that were no longer in use and amending some of the others to make it more efficient. Mr. Ballistrea inquired how the amounts were determined. Mrs. Fegan replied there was one adjusted and two new ones, which were at the request of the department heads. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Sabetta, Manno, Ballistrea, Snider, DeJohn, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-4: "An Ordinance approving the Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2019-2033) in the City of Mayfield Heights for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District." Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Manno moved for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Manno, Ballistrea, DeJohn, Sabetta, Snider, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-7: "An Ordinance making appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mayfield Heights, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019." Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Manno moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Snider, Ballistrea, Manno, Sabetta, Finney. NAYS: DeJohn. Vote 5-1. Motion failed. Mr. DeJohn stated as Mrs. Teresi was absent, he wanted a full council to vote on this ordinance, so he asked that it be placed on first reading. The ordinance is placed on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-8: "An Ordinance amending Section 11 of Ordinance No. 2018-27 providing for the organization of certain administrative departments and fixing the salaries and bonds of certain officers and employees therein and declaring an emergency (Addition of Deputy Clerk of Council position)." Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only. Mrs. Snider moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Sabetta, Snider, Manno, DeJohn, Ballistrea, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mrs. Snider moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. Mrs. Finney commented that Lisa Benedetti is retiring and as her job was split into two positions, this is needed in order to be able to fill the position of Deputy Clerk of Council. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Ballistrea, Sabetta, DeJohn, Snider, Manno, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is adopted.


ORDINANCE NO. 2019-9: "An Ordinance amending Chapter 1191 of the Codified Ordinances of the City titled "Signs" by amending Section 1191.10 pertaining to banners on utility poles and declaring an emergency." Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only. Mrs. Sabetta moved to place the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mrs. Snider. Mayor DiCicco remarked there are about 35 banners that have been ordered to date, so it has been a successful program. Mr. DeJohn asked about the language in the ordinance about allowing banners for an idea. What is an idea? Mr. Murphy replied it could be for a concept or something like memorializing World War II or Vietnam. It is a concept other than a person. The Mayor added it could be used for perhaps a significant anniversary of a business in town. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Snider, DeJohn, Manno, Ballistrea, Sabetta, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is placed on first reading with a public hearing to be held April 22, 2019 at 6:45 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS; COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

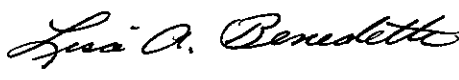
Mr. Manno asked if the City has looked into converting the street lights to LED lighting, as it cuts the cost of the lighting in half. He has seen several cities have gotten grants from NOACA to do this. Mayor DiCicco stated that is part of the Gardiner proposal.

There being no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Finney adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Approved:


Donna R. Finney
Council President

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa A. Benedetti, MMC
Deputy Clerk of Council