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COUNCIL MEETING
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The meeting was called to order by President Robert Sepik at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, present, Johnson, absent, McCall, present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to excuse Councilman Alex Johnson.

Roll Call: Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, all yes.

COUNCILMAN ALEX JOHNSON EXCUSED.

DeSouza reported The Finance committee reviewed expenditures in the amount of \$ 463,139.08. Out of that \$ 330,236.00 was payroll and related expenses, utilities was \$ 10,068.00, cell phones and pagers \$ 1,700.00, gasoline was \$ 15,771.00 and striping of some of the new pavement was \$10,442.00.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

McCall read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

McCall read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR A WATER MAIN RENEWAL PROJECT FOR THE YEAR 2010 FOR OAKDALE DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT BETWEEN BERESFORD DRIVE AND NATHAN HALE PARK, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

McCall motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, all yes.

RULES SUSPENDED.

McCall explained this is additional work from Beresford to Nathan Hale Park and is being paid from funds from The Cleveland Water Department.

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

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McCall motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

Roll Call: Sepik, DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, all yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-15.

Kolasinski read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

Kolasinski read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TERIK ROOFING, INC. FOR A ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND THEATRE BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Kolasinski motioned seconded by McCall to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, all yes.

RULES SUSPENDED.

Kolasinski explained that the roof at the theatre has deteriorated to such a degree that they can sort of patch it or do the right thing and replace the entire roof. (Bids attached to these minutes).

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Kolasinski motioned seconded by McCall to approve Ordinance.

Roll Call: McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, all yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-16

DeSouza read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

DeSouza read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREATER CLEVELAND AUTO AUCTION, PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

DeSouza motioned seconded by McCall to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, McCall, all yes.

RULES SUSPENDED.

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DeSouza explained there are seven vehicles that have been deemed by Service and the Head Mechanic to be beyond their useful life and would cost more than to keep in service. This is about the fourth time we have done the auto auction and it has been very successful.

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments.

Don Sweeney, 6707 Greenleaf wants to know what you are going to replace these cars.

Teresi stated that these vehicles were determined to be obsolete and this is only done when it is determined the vehicles are no longer needed. We do move vehicles down from department to department.

Sepik stated that they begin as Police Cars and get moved down as they get older. Many of these vehicles have been parked for awhile and not even in operation.

DeSouza motioned seconded by McCall to approve the Ordinance.

Roll Call: Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, all yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-17

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

Tom Moran, Recreation Director reported that there was flag football sign-ups last Saturday. There will be sign-ups again June 22nd for second and third grade boys and girls. We can visit our website for all the details including the basketball that will begin July 18th through August 22nd. There was a very successful soccer tournament last Saturday also.

McCall stated the soccer tournament was done really well. Your team of workers has also been doing a wonderful job with the fields.

Koch got a message from Carrie to pass on to Moran on what a great soccer tournament it was.

Rich Rob, Safety Director reported that last DUI checkpoint was on May 14th there were 173 vehicles that passed through the check point. They arrested three drunk drivers and cited twenty four people. They discovered a party through this and went and ticketed the party after this.

Verdile stated our department runs an excellent and very professional check point one of the best ones I have seen.

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Rob said that Rainbow's Babies and Children's Hospital funds the check point and they have said this is one of the best check points in the County.

Kolasinski requested an update on Redflex.

Rob met with Redflex and they will be updating some of the City's equipment and they may give us a new van and new equipment. They will be doing some new surveys and have a date of June 30th for the cameras to be up at York and Pearl.

Kolasinski wanted to share that we had a sex offender on Lynnhaven that should have been living in Cleveland. He was indicted on not residing at the proper residence and for improper conduct with children. Last week he was sentenced to 36 weeks in prison.

Rich Wasosky, City Engineer the water main replacement project for Oakdale, Valley Forge Drive, Anita and Lawndale will be advertised for bid this Wednesday in The Plain Dealer. Independence Blvd is hopeful to pave on this Friday. Parma Park is completely paved now and Amrap water line is in. Kings Highway will be the next street to be done. I need a motion for a change order for Fabreze Trucking.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza for a change order for Parma Park Blvd. for the Community Development Block Grant to change to Fabreze Trucking Company and Euthenics Incorporated and Fabreze not to exceed \$435,000.00 for the water main project and road way.

Roll Call: Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, all yes.

**FABREZE TRUCKING AND EUTHENICS INCORPORATED
CHANGE OF WORK ORDER FOR PARMA PARK BLVD NOT
TO EXCEED \$ 435,000.00.**

Wasosky needs another motion for an additional \$ 876.51 to the upset maximum for the Fire Station Improvement Project.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to add an additional \$ 876.51 to the upset the maximum for the Fire Station Improvement Project.

Roll Call: Sepik, DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, all yes.

**AN ADDITIONAL \$ 876.51 HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE
FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Mayor Byrne honored Sgt. Roger Bosze, Joe Tal, Betty Ruscitti, and Carol Scozen. (Proclamations attached to these minutes).

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PUBLIC SESSION

Renee Siska, 6921 Brandywine concerned about Independence Blvd becoming a main street instead of a side street after the construction. Siska feels too many people use the street as a main thoroughfare and wants safety issues addressed. Siska also wants to know why there are no stop signs on Independence.

Sepik said he knows Police will patrol Independence more once the construction is done.

Rob stated that we cannot use stop signs to control speed it is against Ohio Revised Code.

Wasosky said there is a liability with unwarranted stop signs someone brought a law suit against Brook Park and won the City took down 182 stop signs.

DeSouza wanted to know if RTA uses Independence and would like to know when the last assessment for stop signs had been done.

Wasosky stated there is one bus a day and that is the only route as of now.

Rob stated that traffic counts are between \$ 3,000 and \$ 4,000 per intersection they are very costly so most of the counts we have are older. Most of our intersections are still not going to qualify.

Donna Hursh, 6868 Maplewood would like an update on the vacant property that is behind our homes on Maplewood.

Byrne stated that we have a new prosecutor Tom Kelly Jr. and he issued ninety days to conform to all the violations that were found on the property. They have started doing some minor clean up on debris at that property. We have asked that the entire parcel be leveled. Mr. McGill the second developer has filed for bankruptcy and Wells Fargo has foreclosed on the parcel. JoAnn Schneider the original developer goes to trial in October.

Hursh stated that because of the vacant property there is an issue with the establishments on West 130th with the noise.

Sepik stated there are noise Ordinances and the Mayor will be meeting with the bar owners in the near future.

Byrne said he will be meeting with the owners of the bars at the end of the month. The best thing you can do is call the Police so there is documentation to show the problem and the bars have been cited for the noise.

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Kolasinski stated there was a similar problem with the establishments on Pearl Road a couple of years ago and the last Mayor pulled the owners in and it was dealt with.

Hursh is here representing a group so more concerns they have is the edge of the street is getting chuck holes and the road is in a very poor condition.

Sepik stated we apologize we do understand there are several bad roads in the City. We unfortunately do not have a lot of funds to fix them the roads being worked on now is from grant money.

Teresi will look into getting the road a temporary asphalt patch.

Tom Kocka, 12335 Huffman Road feels the City is starting to learn a lot about these patios and how they function. In a Planning Meeting a patio was just turned down due to information that surfaced. The meetings are open and anyone is allowed to attend those meetings.

Verdile stated we looked at that patio for over a month and we researched it thoroughly and it was denied. I know the Mayor meeting with the businesses will quite them down.

Julie Gotro, 6078 Edgebrook has concerns with the articles in the paper in regard to the library closing. Residents and business owners are concerned with the library closing. I want to know the City's plan to save the library.

Byrne stated I have been told they are looking at relocating the library. They want to maintain a presence in the City it will be similar to what they did in Richmond Heights. There they incorporated the library into retail space. It is an interesting concept to fill some of the empty store fronts in the City. I do want input as to how the residents feel about this issue. I do encourage that you go on the County's website to voice your concerns.

Joe Mazzola, 6029 Edgebrook Blvd. wants to know who owns the building where the library resides.

Sepik stated that the City of Parma Heights owns the building.

Mazzola wants to know what we are going to be with the building.

Byrne stated we do not know what they are going to do yet and we will try to convince them to put some money into the building and stay. If they leave we will have to figure out the best way to utilize the building.

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Kolasinski stated that Council as a whole will be getting together to discuss this issue. I personally believe we need to do everything we can to keep the library where it is.

Barb Mazzola, 6029 Edgebrook would like to know when the library will give the City a decision.

Byrne said it should be sometime soon, I believe it should be after June 16th. I believe you should draft a motion tonight that you are in favor of the library.

Sepik stated there are some unanswered questions that need to be addressed but we are all in agreement to save the library.

Bob Felty, 10502 Halcyon asked what needs to be done to the building to keep the library there? If they move to a retail space, they will have to put money into that.

Byrne stated I have been looking at the legalities of this and the City owns the building and it has been leased to the library for a dollar a year. I have pulled the contract to see if it is in such poor repair what is the agreement or original contract. This is difficult but if it is out of our control I will try to be open minded about it and address that it can fill a vacant store front. I have met with the Executive Director and expressed my concerns personally.

Felty wants to know what they do not like about the actual building, I have been there and it is a nice building.

McCall said you can go online and they have a break down of what they think is inadequate of the interior and exterior of all the buildings they are looking to move from.

Rick Schwachenwald, 6841 Commonwealth Blvd. does the City have a bond for repairs to building.

Kolasinski stated that was for asbestos removal.

Schwachenwald said that maybe the City should look at putting a bond on they usually pass in situations like this.

Tom Kocka, 12335 Huffman stated that the Mayor has put a lot of time into programs for the community and I think of we move to a storefront it will be a smaller facility with less services. We need to get online and make our opinions heard to lose the library would be a shame.

Cindy Rosko, 6295 Old Virginia Lane wants to know what can be done as far as a sound barrier for the people on Maplewood.

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Byrne said that the case for Cornerstone is in Judge Villanueva's Court and the City has said that we know some monies have been collected from this property. We demanded that Cornerstone be brought up to the same level we keep our residents with keeping their property.

Elaine (not audible) 6862 Maplewood said the piles of dirt actually give us some privacy when those mounds come down the bars are right in our backyard.

Sepik stated that we know there is a problem and the prosecutor is working on this issue.

Byrne said I feel bad I know it is an eyesore and this is the first time someone has said to leave the property alone.

Jon Slobodian, 9525 Greenbriar the complaints about the traffic on Independence I have the same thing and maybe Redflex could do a traffic study there for a red light.

Sepik stated we will pass that on to Rich Rob and see what Redflex will say.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Sepik to adjourn.

Roll Call: DeSouza, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, all yes.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M.

Jennifer Krepina
Clerk of Council

Robert P. Sepik
Council President

