

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING  
AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
HELD: JANUARY 10, 2023  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
6:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, DeLisio, DiLalla, Ganser, Goff, Hargate, Milroy; Clerk of Council Donatelli; Fire Chief Turner; Lieutenant Dassati; Finance Director Filippo; City Engineer Mader; Law Director Lograsso; Building Commissioner Grabfelder.

AGENDA

Dominion  
Pool Boiler  
Stryker Inc. Service Contract

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The reading of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 13, 2022, was dispensed with. Mr. DeLisio moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Goff. Ayes all; motion carried.

Dominion: Mayor Brunello introduced Kyle from Dominion to those in attendance and thanked all those who came to City Hall. Kyle explained that there was an unplanned natural gas outage from December 23 through December 27. He ensured that residents' homes are and were safe, but if there are any issues with the natural gas service, please contact the customer service number. Kyle explained that the outage occurred because Dominion's system sensed an issue before there was any safety at risk to residents and their property. Dominion workers went to residents' homes and checked lines, wrapped meters and replacing service lines from the main line to the house. Kyle explained that the pipeline was in good condition from the 1960s. Dominion went to work immediately to resolve the issue. The primary issue was frozen meters, so the meters were wrapped in heat tape to be thawed out. Water was then extracted from the lines and drips were installed and reinstalled. Lines will be continued to be monitored and the heat tape will be removed from meters in April by Dominion personnel. Kyle opened the floor to questions.

A resident asked when their electric bill will show the reimbursement from Dominion and if the heat tape will be reinstalled in the fall. Kyle responded that the heat tape will not be reinstalled because he was ensured that it will not be needed and is only being used as an extra precautionary measure at the current moment. Regarding the reimbursement, there will be a separate check sent to residents in one to two months. Another resident thanked Kyle and Dominion for the easy reimbursement process. Kyle stated that he did previously make the claims department aware of the issue so they could prepare for the number of customers reaching out.

A resident asked if accounts are marked with who should be receiving money. Kyle responded yes and that once the heat wrap was installed, each account was being tracked.

Another resident asked if they can request reinstalment of the heat wrap in the fall. Kyle recommended the resident go through customer service.

A resident asked if everything will be rechecked in the fall. Kyle confirmed that there are no more wholes in the line, but Dominion is tracking for drips.

Another resident asked if this situation will happen again or if it was an accident. Kyle responded that it was a water leak due to the sudden change in nice weather to very cold weather.

Mr. Goff stated that a resident, Mr. Costa, has had this issue in his neighborhood a few times. Mr. Costa at 773 Radford elaborated that his neighborhood has experienced this issue another time in the past 10 years. Kyle responded that he will check with the Dominion crew regarding the neighborhood. Kyle added that this situation may bring the Highland Heights pipeline higher on the project list for the company to replace.

Mrs. Ganser asked how the leak got into the pipeline. Kyle responded that they are still looking for the cause.

Mr. DeLisio asked how the water can be extracted. Kyle responded that there are drips in the main and service lines installed to catch the water.

A resident asked Mayor Brunello if the water main break is fixed. Mayor Brunello responded that the break is fixed. Mr. Belfiore added that there are barrels on Hendrix to allow it to settle.

Another resident thanked Kyle and Dominion because workers arrived at her home the next day after the last meeting when she stated having an issue.

Mayor Brunello reiterated to the residents that City Hall is always ready to help and encouraged residents to reach out if they need anything.

Pool Boiler: Mayor Brunello stated that Mr. Ianiro will be at the regular meeting to go into more detail. He added that the pool boiler went out in the late summer. Mr. Belfiore added that the heater melted itself and needs to be replaced. Mayor Brunello stated that they discussed having two boilers in the event that one boiler goes down so the pool has a backup. There is a lead time on the boilers, so the Mayor wanted to pass the purchase in order to get the boilers before the pool season begins. Mr. Milroy asked if this gives us enough time. Mr. Belfiore stated that once the boiler arrives, it is just a matter of installment. Ms. D'Amico asked how long a boiler lasts. Mr. Belfiore stated that he is unsure, but it is outside yearly and encounters a lot of chemicals. He added that he would guess 20-30 years.

Stryker Inc. Service Contract: Chief Turner described the memo distributed to Council. The Fire Department is looking to enter into an agreement with Stryker to purchase supplies and service for said supplies. The department is changing vendors because the cost has raised. The payment for the agreement would come from the operational budget.

Mr. Milroy asked if the cost is around the same as usual. Chief Turner stated that it is about the same cost.

Ms. D'Amico asked if we will receive the discount even over the three years. Chief Turner responded yes.

Moratorium on Group Homes: Ms. D'Amico opened the floor to discuss the Moratorium on Group Homes. Mr. Lograsso stated that he added a definition of a group home to the legislation. He added that the Mayor asked if a fine can be added if a home is made during the moratorium; however, that would require an Ordinance rather than a Resolution.

Ms. D'Amico stated that the moratorium is necessary because surrounding cities have very in-depth Ordinances and the moratorium would give time to make proper legislation.

Mr. DeLisio asked if there is a timeline for the moratorium and if there is a cap on the number of group homes in the city. Mr. Lograsso stated there was discussion of one per ward and the timeline is 6 months on the moratorium, which can be extended if necessary.

Mr. Milroy asked if Ms. D'Amico can share other Ordinances with Council. Ms. D'Amico stated that she will email them to Council.

Mayor Brunello confirmed that the current group homes are grandfathered in.

Mr. DiLalla asked if there will be discussion of the 2023 budget at the Legislative and Finance Committee meeting soon. Mayor Brunello responded that it will be ready soon.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Goff and seconded by Mr. DiLalla to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Ayes all; motion carried.