

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING  
AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
HELD: JUNE 13, 2023  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
7:15 PM**

Not  
Approved

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, DeLisio, DiLalla, Goff, Hargate, Milroy; Clerk of Council Donatelli; Assistant Fire Chief Bernhard; Police Chief Matejic; Finance Director Filippo; Law Director Lograsso.

**EXCUSED:** Council Representative Ganser

**AGENDA**

Pay to Stay Policy  
Overhead Bay Doors

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The reading of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 9, 2023, was dispensed with. Mr. Milroy moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Goff. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Pay to Stay Policy:** Mr. Lograsso explained that the county may pass a Pay to Stay Policy. This policy would be an Ordinance passed by various municipalities in Cuyahoga County that mandates to a landlord that if a tenant becomes behind on rent or utility payments, it is more difficult to evict the tenant. This policy would demand the landlord accept back payment from the tenant; therefore, if the tenant is behind on rent a few months and then has the money to cover those months, the landlord must accept and not evict.

Mr. DiLalla asked if there is a timeframe in the policy. Mr. Lograsso responded that he is unsure. Mr. DiLalla clarified his question asking if there is a set amount of months of missed payments that the landlord can evict the tenant. Ms. D'Amico responded there are many regulations that must be followed by the landlord to allow eviction, but these rules may vary by municipality. Mr. Lograsso stated that some surrounding municipalities have already implemented a pay to stay policy. Ms. D'Amico stated that Council does not need to take action at this moment, but she wants the councilmen to be aware of the situation before the County decides.

**Overhead Bay Doors:** Assistant Chief Bernhard stated that these doors would be outside of the contract with PCS & Build. He added that the project is under budget, so the department would like to replace the four north facing doors of the bay. The current doors are over 20 years old. When the front doors were replaced, the back doors were given slight safety improvements, but they are still the doors from 2000, only the second

set of bay doors on the building. Assistant Chief Bernhard stated that the doors and insulation degrades over time. Due to this, the doors become heavier and strain the openers and the spring load. Assistant Chief Bernhard explained that the department would like to request proposals and solicit bids for new bay doors at the cost of \$40,000. This is not part of the overall Fire and Police Renovation Project, but it is within the scope of the project.

Mr. Milroy asked how long the lead time would be on the doors. Assistant Chief Bernhard responded they have not heard of any delays on these doors. He added that there will be some small lead time because they are a special size of door. Assistant Chief Bernhard stated that the back doors will be similar to the front doors.

Mayor Brunello stated that Council may want to discuss a moratorium on storage facilities within the municipality. Mr. DiLalla stated that the issue can be added to the next Legislative and Finance committee agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. DeLisio and seconded by Mr. DiLalla to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ayes all; motion carried.