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**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD: June 22, 2021  
Highland Heights Community Center  
8:00 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives: D'Amico, DeLisio, DiLalla, Ganser, Hargate, Milroy, Stickan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Fire Chief Turner; Police Chief Cook; Building Commissioner Grabfelder; Service Director Belfiore; Finance Director Filippo; Law Director Paluf.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

The reading of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 8, 2021 was dispensed with. Mr. Milroy moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded by Mrs. Ganser. Ayes all; motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Turner had no report. Chief Turner was available to answer questions on items #1 & #2 that were discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Chief Turner requested suspension of the readings on items #1 & #2 to allow the ambulance and stretcher load device to be ordered and avoid cost increases.

**Police Chief's Report:** Chief Cook stated four new camera installations have been completed at the City Park.

Mr. DiLalla stated at the Aberdeen Community Meeting this evening, residents are concerned with speeding on Aberdeen Blvd. Chief Cook responded that the speed trailer and patrol cars will be implemented.

**Service Director's Report:** Director Belfiore stated the concrete and landscaping on Diamond #1 has been completed. Trees have been planted and a split rail fence was installed along the property line on Blakely. The brush collection program has removed over 50 yards of brush from residents' tree lawns. The Household Hazardous Waste Program will be at the Service Garage from June 14 - June 25 from 8 AM until 3:30 PM; and June 26 from 9 AM until Noon.

**Building Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Grabfelder reported that a pre-bid meeting was held with four prospective contractors for the Council Renovation on Monday. The Council Renovation bid opening will be held on July 1st.

Commissioner Grabfelder stated a preliminary site plan has been received for May Pine and will be before Planning and Zoning on June 28th. The plan identifies 20 new lots and will be an extension of Longspur. The final development site plan will require approval from Council.

**City Engineer's Report:** Mayor Brunello reported for Mr. Mader that the Bishop Road and Wilson Mills intersection project will hold a pre-construction meeting in early July. The 2021

Road Program held a pre-construction meeting on June 10th and the project will begin in mid-July.

The County has completed the eastside road of the bridge on Highland Road. The traffic pattern has been moved to the opposite side as one-way northbound only traffic continues.

The Cleveland Suburban Water Main applications are due July 16th, and the City will resubmit a project for Franklin Blvd. Project award results will be known on September 1st.

The retention basins inspections are complete, and the report will be forthcoming. The road repair ranking report is approximately 50% complete and will be finalized in approximately one month.

Finance Director's Report: Director Filippo had no report as the comments were discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commission on Aging: Ms. D'Amico stated a Highland Heights Seniors meeting was held on June 21st. The Seniors will distribute snacks and treats at the Music at the Gazebo on June 23rd. They will also be distributing magnets to encourage new seniors to join. The Seniors will be attending a night out at the Lake County Captain's game on August 12th.

Ms. D'Amico thanked the Police and Fire Departments for quickly and efficiently responded to an incident when a family member fell and required immobilization and transportation to the hospital.

Park & Recreation: Mr. DeLisio announced Movie Night on Friday, June 25th at the City Park. Live Music will be at the city pool on June 26th from 1-4 PM. The Bike Ride on June 27th will begin at the City Park at 11 AM. Family Fun Day will be held at the Pool on June 27th from 5-8 PM.

Planning & Zoning: Mr. DiLalla stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met on June 14th and approved a sign for Lake Business Products at 653 Miner Road. Public hearings were scheduled for: a fence variance at 457 Bishop Road; and a variance for a shed location at 670 Gloucester.

Safety and Service Committee: Mrs. Ganser stated a Safety and Service Committee meeting was held this evening and discussed the ambulance and stretcher load device purchases. The Committee also discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Safety Director.

Hillcrest Council of Councils: No report.

Drainage Committee: Mr. Milroy stated the Drainage Committee met this evening to discuss the Roy Road investigation report. The Committee will follow up with the City Engineer to discuss potential solutions or improvements.

**Law Director's Report:** Mr. Paluf recommended items #1-#6 be suspended of the second and third readings as discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Paluf filed a brief with the Common Pleas Court on an appeal from the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Brunello participated in a regional deer management meeting held on June 16th. Attendees were from: Mayfield Village, Lyndhurst, Beachwood, South Euclid,

Mayfield Heights and Richmond Heights. The meeting discussed a collaborative approach to maintain wildlife in the area. Representatives from ODNR and USDA were also present.

The 2021 Summer Newsletter has been mailed and will be delivered to residences this week.

Mayor Brunello will hold a State of the City/Meet the Mayor event on August 26th at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.

Mayor Brunello encouraged everyone to attend the first concert of the season at the Gazebo on June 23rd.

Mayor Brunello stated a grant was received from NOPEC in the amount of \$1,500 that will be allocated for this year's Community Day.

Mayor Brunello requested suspension of the second and third readings of item #3, which would allow the possession of beer and wine during Community Day. The filing process with the State of Ohio requires at least a 6–8-week process.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ms. Stickan commented that the State guidelines for meetings will be lifted in early July. Council meetings have been meeting in person, safely distanced, and offered Zoom attending options for a hybrid meeting. This will be the last hybrid meeting; however, public comments will still be received by the Council Office.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED/ADDED TO THE AGENDA:**

No items were added or removed from the Agenda.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public and no questions or comments were received by the Council Office.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-2021:** Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 22-2021 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Horton Emergency Vehicles, Inc. for the purchase of a Horton Model 623 Rescue Squad, pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents, (\$300,000.00), and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings to avoid a price increase and delivery delay. Mr. DeLisio moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Milroy moved to adopt; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-2021:** Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 23-2021 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Stryker EMS Equipment, Inc. in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$24,000.00) for the purchase of one (1) Power Load System for use by the Fire Department and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings to enter into contract at the quoted purchase amount. Mrs. Ganser moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. DeLisio moved to adopt; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 22-2021:** Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 22-2021 which description is: "An Ordinance partially suspending the rules and regulations regarding the sale and possession of beer and wine at the Municipal Park during the Highland Heights Community Day Event for 2021 and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings to allow for the permitting process from the State of Ohio. Mrs. Ganser moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Mr. Milroy. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. DiLalla moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Milroy. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 23-2021:** Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 23-2021 which description is: "An Ordinance appropriating for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, for the period commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings as requested by the Finance Director. Mrs. Ganser moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Mr. DeLisio. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Milroy moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Hargate. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 24-2021:** Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 24-2021 which description is: "An Ordinance authorizing transfers and declaring an emergency. (General Bond Retirement Fund to Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$2,473,695)." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings as requested by the Finance Director. Mr. Milroy moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Mrs. Ganser. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Hargate moved to enact; seconded by Mr. DeLisio. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 25-2021:** Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 25-2021 which description is: "An Ordinance establishing compensation for employees of the Recreation Department of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio for 2021, repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings as requested by the Mayor and Recreation Director. Mrs. Ganser moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

Ms. D'Amico moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Milroy. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 19-2021:** Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 19-2021 which description is: "An Ordinance adopting a Tax Budget for the City of Highland Heights, for the year 2022 and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

Mrs. Ganser moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Milroy. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 20-2021:** Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 20-2021 which description is: "An Ordinance amending Chapter 151 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, pertaining to employment provision, repealing such other ordinances as are inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Mr. DiLalla moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Milroy. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 21-2021:** Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 21-2021 which description is: "An Ordinance for the rehabilitation of Bishop Road at the Intersection with Wilson Mills Road in the City of Highland Heights, in cooperation with the County of Cuyahoga and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. & Council as a Whole)

Mrs. Ganser moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Hargate. Ayes all; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. DeLisio and seconded by Mr. DiLalla to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council