

City of Seven Hills

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COUNCIL MEETING HELD April 8, 2013

This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Michael C. Barth at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present and accounted for were Mayor Dell'Aquila, Director of Law Pignatiello, Director of Finance Johnson, Councilman-at-Large Bentkowski, Councilman-at-Large Snitzky, Councilman-at-Large Trafis, Ward 1 Councilman Barth, Ward 2 Councilman Tripi, Ward 3 Councilwoman Lecznar, Ward 4 Councilman Draganic, Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece, and Engineer Papke. Absentee was Building Commissioner Moro.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 25, 2013, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to accept the Consent Agenda of April 8, 2013, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION

There were no Resolutions of Commendation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Chairman Trafis stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, April 15, 2013. Mr. Trafis stated that the minutes from the previous meeting (March 18, 2013) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Public Works

Public Works Chairman Bentkowski stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, April 1, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Bentkowski stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting in May (May 6, 2013).

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Community Services

Community Services Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, April 1, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting will be filed with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Snitzky stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, May 6, 2013.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Draganic stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, April 15, 2013.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Tripi stated that the Committee will also hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, April 15, 2013.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Lecznar stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, April 1, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Chairman Barth stated that the Finance Committee last met on Monday evening, April 1, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Barth stated that the Finance Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, April 15, 2013.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no appointments or confirmations.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

There were no communications, petitions, or claims.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 30-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH PHYSIO CONTROL, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING ANNUAL TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT’S AED UNITS LOCATED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE VEHICLES (MODEL LIFEPAK 500 SERIAL NOS. 11798923; 31514931; 9325899) AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$867.00) FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to read Ordinance No. 30-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 30-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to pass Ordinance No. 30-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Amended Ordinance No. 31-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH PHYSIO CONTROL, INC., FOR PERFORMING ANNUAL TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER’S LIFEPAK 500 AED UNIT AND BATTERY SUPPORT SYSTEM (LIFEPAK 500 SERIAL NO. 30782548), LIFEPAK 1000 AED UNIT AND BATTERY SUPPORT SYSTEM (LIFEPAK 1000 SERIAL NUMBER 38749016), AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$598.00) FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to read Amended Ordinance No. 31-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 31-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 31-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 31-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 32-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH PHYSIO CONTROL, INC., FOR PERFORMING ANNUAL TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT OF THE AED UNIT LOCATED AT CITY HALL (MODEL: LIFEPAK 500 SERIAL NUMBER 31019276), AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$289.00) FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to read Ordinance No. 32-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 32-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to pass Ordinance No. 32-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 34-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH KISSEL AMUSEMENT CO., INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMUSEMENT RIDES, GAME CONCESSIONS, AND FOOD/CONFECTIONARY CONCESSIONS FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HOMEDAYS 2013.

Ordinance No. 34-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 35-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH PINNACLE FITNESS OF RAVENA, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING ONE TRUE ELLIPTICAL CS800E2W, WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR USE IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION COMPLEX, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$4,950.00) FOR SAID PURCHASE.

Ordinance No. 35-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

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Amended Ordinance No. 36-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH LAKEFRONT LINES, INC./HOPKINS, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR A BUS TRIP TO TOLEDO, OHIO (Hollywood Casino – Bus 1) ON APRIL 18, 2013, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,242.00 FOR SAID TRIP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Amended Ordinance No. 36-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 36-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 36-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 36-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Amended Ordinance No. 37-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH LAKEFRONT LINES, INC./HOPKINS, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR A BUS TRIP TO TOLEDO, OHIO (Hollywood Casino – Bus 2) ON APRIL 18, 2013, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,242.00 FOR SAID TRIP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to read Amended Ordinance No. 37-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 37-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 37-2013 as an emergency measure.

Mr. Bentkowski stated:

“As always, with any of these bus trips, I’d just like to point out for the audience that we are only making the expenditure because it’s fronting the money. The money comes back. We only authorize these trips because they make the City money. I don’t want people to think that this is an expenditure for us that is not recouped.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 37-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 38-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH PHYSIO-CONTROL, INC., FOR PERFORMING ANNUAL TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S LIFEPAK 12 DEFIBRILLATOR/MONITOR AND BATTERY SUPPORT SYSTEMS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$5,145.00) FOR SAID SERVICE.

Ordinance No. 38-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Amended Resolution No. 2-2013 – A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HB 5 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH PROPOSES UNIFORMITY MEASURES FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE FORM OF UNFUNDED MANDATES AND A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to table Amended Resolution No. 2-2013.

Mr. Trafis stated:

“The purpose that we are tabling this Amended Resolution tonight is just to allow for further discussion at next week's Council meeting.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Resolution No. 2-2013 was tabled.

Resolution No. 4-2013 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF RIVER TRACE NORTH SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR RECORD PURPOSES ONLY.

Resolution No. 4-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE

Tom Jaros, 224 Crescent Ridge Drive made the following comments:

“Good evening everybody.”

Mr. Jaros then delivered part of a prepared statement as contained on Pages 7 through 9 of these minutes. Mr. Jaros was interrupted by Council President Barth after exhausting his entire three minutes of speaking time at the podium at the point enumerated by “5)” on Page 8. Mr. Jaros stated he would complete his comments at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Jaros' complete statement is reproduced and included in these minutes, as submitted, for record purposes as follows:

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Delivered from the floor to Council – April 8, 2013

It has long been a lament of Seven Hills City Hall that outside influences have eroded the taxpayer trust in City government and management. In view of recent observations and developments, I would submit that City Hall could improve its image through the implementation of some basic tenets of Open Government.

A quote from the 2nd President of the United States - John Adams:

“Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people who have a right and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean of the characters and conduct of their rulers.”

I’m sure we all wholeheartedly agree with President Adams.

In theory, everyone here who swore an oath of office should be familiar with that quote. It appears on the 4th page of the Ohio Sunshine Laws publication. Mike Barth recently stated that Council has satisfied State training requirements relative to Sunshine Law. Sunshine Law speaks to the extremely important concept of Open Government. It is partially excerpted in the Seven Hills Charter. Seven Hills City Hall violations of that law put taxpayers at risk for monetary repercussions for those violations.

Based on observed recent City Hall practice that is, or should be on record, it would seem that Mr. Barth either misspoke or that a refresher course in Sunshine Law and City Charter specifications is sorely needed. Justification for that statement stems from the following:

- 1) Mr. Draganic’s false statements offered on 2 separate occasions to the effect that minute-taking is not required at Public meetings.
- 2) The 1st meeting of the Charter Review Committee where, in the presence of Review Committee member Mike Barth, it was decided that minute taking

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wasn't necessary. Also present were former Seven Hills Councilman Tom Littlepage, Seven Hills Magistrate Eric Moore, and Ohio deputy treasurer and director of economic development and former Seven Hills Councilman Bill Bishilany. There doesn't seem to be minutes available for that meeting.

3) The 2nd meeting of the Charter Review Committee that convened at 6PM on March 11th and adjourned at approximately 6:30PM doesn't appear to have had minutes taken. Members present at that meeting included Mike Barth, Bill Bishilany, former County Prosecutor Bill Mason, Ed Foley, Tom Littlepage, Jeff Bryda, John Predina, Eric Moore and Joe O'Donnell.

4) The 3rd meeting of the Charter Review Committee was illegally convened on March 11th at sometime soon after the adjournment of the 2nd meeting. All members present at the second meeting attended. Mike Barth left early. All members present were complicit in the illegal convening of a Public meeting without the prior Public notice required by the Seven Hills Charter.

5) At the March 11th Caucus Mayor Dell'Aquila suggested that Council appropriate money for responses to voluminous record requests of an unnamed councilperson. Any charge beyond actual copy costs of Public records is a violation of Sunshine Law. Threatened violations are also actionable in Common Pleas Court. In my opinion, any charge for documents to a Councilperson acting in the best interest of taxpayers is questionable.

6) At the March 18th Caucus, all present were apprised of the Ohio Revised Code 149.39 requirement for a Records Commission. During an April 4th, 2013 conversation with the State of Ohio Auditor's office, it was confirmed that a Records Commission is integral to the proper implementation of Sunshine Law.

7) On March 22nd, 2013 Mike Barth inadvertently broadcasted an email documenting activities of the Charter Review Committee. Based on information seen in the email, Mike Barth was blind-copied on this email from Eric Moore to Bill Bishilany, former County Prosecutor Bill Mason, Ed Foley, Tom Littlepage, Jeff Bryda, John Predina, and Joe O'Donnell. It referred to minutes of the illegally held 2nd Charter Review Committee meeting that occurred on March

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11th, 2013. It had proposed Charter Amendments, apparently composed by Eric Moore attached. Blind-copying Mike Barth prevented other Charter Review Committee members from being aware of Mr. Barth's participation in the dissemination of a Public record. Minutes of the illegally held March 11th, 2013 Meeting have no indication of an instruction to Mr. Moore to prepare the attached proposed amendments. As such, those same minutes are deficient in properly representing activity at the illegally held March 11th, 2013 meeting of the Charter Review Committee.

Enforcement of Sunshine Law can only be done through action taken in the Court of Common Pleas. If the alleged infractions are deemed valid, the complainant will be awarded attorney's fees and the amount of \$500 per infraction.

As the taxpayers of Seven Hills are already under siege from the lawsuit filed by Councilman Bentkowski, one has to hope that no other action is initiated as a result of the current missteps of City Hall in the implementation of Sunshine Law and violations of the City Charter. After reading Mr. Bentkowski's allegations in his suit, it appears that the City, win or lose, may undergo some expensive education in the intricacies of Sunshine Law.

In the best interest of the taxpayers, and in the avoidance of more potentially expensive litigation relative to non-compliance with the tenets of Open Government and Sunshine Law, it would seem prudent that all Seven Hills City officials act in the best interest of taxpayers and the fulfillment of their oaths of office. The avoidance of potentially budget-crushing litigation costs should be adequate motivation for education in, and proper implementation of, Sunshine Law. Personally, I would like to immediately see Public Meetings scheduled so as to not overlap other Public Meetings as has occurred with Charter Review Committee meetings.

Thank you for your time.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Trafis:

Just a couple of quick things. Over the past year or so prior Home Days Committees' finances have been an issue of contention and have generated a few newspaper articles and a lot of talk. In a prior Caucus Meeting just a little bit ago our Prosecutor, Pat DiChiro, submitted a ruling to Council saying that the prior volunteer Home Days Committee had not.....

At this point in the meeting (8:17 p.m.), Mr. Bentkowski interrupted Mr. Trafis stating that he believed the matter Councilman Trafis was publicly referencing is regarding litigation that is pending. Councilman Bentkowski requested to be excused from the meeting and left Council Chambers briefly.

Mr. Trafis continued:

In our previous Caucus Meeting our Prosecutor, Pat DiChiro, submitted a ruling to Council saying that the prior volunteer Home Days Committee has not done anything wrong and that the City does not have the authority to have this Committee turn its remaining money over to the City. I'm glad that this issue has finally been put to bed. This Committee will continue to donate every year to the Senior Drawing at Home Days and continue contributing to the seniors of our City. I do want to mention that in a prior meeting our Prosecutor did state that this particular issue has nothing to do with any pending litigation.

Secondly, on Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:30 p.m., the Democratic Club is hosting a forum with County Executive Ed Fitzgerald. It's at the Recreation Center and all members of this Council and the Administration are definitely invited to that regardless of party view. All residents who read these minutes or listen to them are also invited.

Councilman Bentkowski returned to Council Chambers at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Snitzky had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Bentkowski:

Just one point – Resolution No. 4-2013 – it was talked about in Caucus Meeting that there is going to be an additional Resolution or something added regarding the plat, or something along those lines. Even though it doesn't impact me, and it would be perfectly fine for me to vote or participate, I'm still going to abstain from anything involving that, because apparently it does involve my neighbor. My neighbor is selling off some back land. So, just to get it on the record, and for transparency purposes, it apparently does involve my neighbor somehow – it has nothing to do with me, it has nothing to do with my property. But, again, just to be careful, and transparent, I want that on the record that I acknowledge that, and I won't be participating in it.

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Mrs. Lecznar:

This past Friday we had the unfortunate incident in our City, in Ward 2 actually, of a house fire on Parkgate Oval. I want to send our condolences out to the family who pretty much lost the entire house. It's estimated upward of \$200,000.00 in damage. I'd also like to publicly thank the other departments that did attend when they heard the call come in. It was Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Broadview Heights, Parma, and then on a second alarm the Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Brecksville, North Royalton, and Valley View Fire Departments all came to help Seven Hills put the fire out. I just want to thank them all for coming and helping out Seven Hills.

Mr. Tripi:

I am pleased to announce that First Energy is presently making corrective improvements in the Bayberry Estates area, an area that has had more than its share of power outages. They are currently laying 1600 feet of new underground wiring to replace forty-year-old equipment. We hope this is just the beginning of First Energy making more improvements in other areas of the City as needed.

A big thank you goes to our Service Director, Stewart Lovece, for all his hard work in pushing for these much needed repairs. I appreciate everything you do, Stewart, for the residents of Seven Hills.

I'd also like to mention that in the Parks Committee this upcoming week we will be reviewing a proposed agreement that the Mayor just gave us tonight, 15 or so minutes ago, between Parma Community General Hospital and the Seven Hills Recreation Center. I look forward to – and I don't want to steal the Mayor's thunder – reviewing that next week.

Mr. Draganic had no miscellaneous comments.

Council President Barth had no miscellaneous comments.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Director of Finance Johnson had no formal report.

Director of Law Pignatiello had no formal report.

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Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece:

We'd like to say no more snow for the 2012-2013 winter season – or at least we know it's Spring, I know that – but despite this winter's frequent precipitation events, ample freezing and thawing cycles, and high winds causing snow drifts, all of which necessitate additional plowing and salting, we only used approximately 3,500 tons of salt as opposed to a typical year of over 6,000 tons. Overtime costs thus far are about half that of a typical year due to utilizing the second shift. Estimated cost savings on salt is \$130,000.00 for this year for the season. We will typically budget and continue to budget at least \$300,000.00 for salt – we use 6,000 tons as our base line. This year's overtime savings is \$30,000.00. Total savings thus far is \$160,000.00. This winter was certainly not the worst. There is the driest, there is the mildest; however, I believe the workers deserve a lot of credit for being conscientious and frugal so as not to waste this expensive resource.

City Engineer Papke had no formal report.

Building Commissioner Moro was not present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Dell'Aquila:

I actually have some happy items this evening irrespective of the contentious nature that we've seen this far. Let me just begin by tagging on to what Councilman Tripi just mentioned.

This evening I presented a package to Council for your consideration and review with regard to a proposal to lease space, usage, and some signage rights to the Parma Community General Hospital. That is part of an overall program that we instituted about a year ago to dramatically reduce our losses at the Recreation Center. This proposed package is a three-year lease which would net \$65,000.00 per year were the Council to approve it. This has been talked about in a number of different meetings. We have not been able to roll it out for a couple of considerations and bumps along the road as anything this complicated invariably is. There were a number of issues that had to be resolved, the last of which regarded making sure that the contract as proposed would not imperil the tax deductibility of our bonds, and that is the case. We now have a letter from our attorneys at Squire Sanders who confirm that we will not be jeopardizing the tax deductibility of our investors. That now being the case, I look forward to beginning the dialogue with Council. I see this as not the end, but the beginning, of other possible relationships with the hospital. I mentioned in Caucus that this holds open the possibility of implementing a wellness program for our residents. We will have the possibility of some additional tax revenue into the City by virtue of the fact that there will be some hospital employees working there.

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Mayor Dell'Aquila (continued):

So, we will not only be bringing in additional funds if Council approves it, there will be additional tax revenues, and we will also be able to expand the services that we provide to our residents. So, in my view, it's a trifecta.

Secondly, last week I announced that on March 27th the Cuyahoga County Council unanimously adopted Resolution R2013-0050 which provides for the resurfacing of Crossview Road from Chestnut to Rockside. We have now received a second notice from the County over this last week that on that same date the County Council also unanimously passed Resolution R2013-0051 which provides also for the resurfacing of East Ridgewood Drive from Broadview Road to Crossview. Both projects are scheduled for 2014. The total estimated cost for both projects is \$1.98 million. The breakout is \$1.210 million for Crosview and \$770,000.00 for East Ridgewood. No special assessments will be levied or collected to pay for any part of the County's costs for these projects, and they will indeed be funded 100% by the County. This is the result of a lot of hard work, particularly by our City Engineer, Mark Papke. I think we should all be thankful for his work, and also to thank the members of the Cuyahoga County Council for these needed improvements. I think it also illustrates how little street work you can get for \$1 million. We have a large number of streets in our City that need a lot of attention, and \$1 million just doesn't buy a whole lot as it did even ten years ago.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone of the upcoming Taste of Seven Hills event on the evening of April 26th. Tickets are on sale now. We are going to have over twenty vendors. It's always a well-attended event in our community, and I would encourage everyone to attend. Give tickets away – buy lots of tickets – and everybody enjoy the evening.

Council President Barth stated that was certainly very good news. Mr. Barth congratulated Mayor Dell'Aquila on the potential deal with the hospital. He said he knows it has been a couple of years in the making. Council President Barth thanked Engineer Papke for all the grant applications and all the money being brought into the City.

Councilman Bentkowski added:

Just one thing. Congratulations to the Mayor on the Parma Hospital thing. I also want to highlight, though – I think it was either yourself, or Tom Littlepage, or maybe even Aaron Lobas who kind of got that ball rolling for us a couple of years ago. I think Tom Littlepage made the initial effort to try to engage Parma Hospital. I just want that in the record so they get the rightful credit that they deserve for helping us with that years ago. And certainly the Mayor and his team for closing it this last year and making it happen.

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Council President Barth added:

Councilman, if I remember right, I think it was myself and the Mayor that approached the hospital. Thank you.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

The April 8, 2013 Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Michael C. Barth, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____