

City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD April 28, 2014

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 Barth, Councilwoman-at-Large Lecznar, Councilman-at-Large Trafis, Ward 1 Councilman Bryda, Ward 2 Councilman Fraundorf, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, and Ward 4 Councilwoman Ernst. Absentees were Director of Public Service and Properties and Acting City Engineer Lovece and Building Commissioner Moro.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 14, 2014, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to accept the Consent Agenda of April 28, 2014, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

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 Committee Chairman Trafis stated that the Committee last met in Special Session on Monday evening, April 7, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Trafis said that the Committee has rescheduled its next regular meeting for Monday evening, May 5, 2014.

Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Bryda stated that the Committee last met in Special Session on Monday evening, April 21, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Bryda stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, May 5, 2014.

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Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairman Fraundorf stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, April 7, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Fraundorf stated that due to a personal scheduling conflict, the Committee has rescheduled its next regular meeting to Monday evening, May 19, 2014.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, April 21, 2014, 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 19, 2014.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson Lecznar stated that the Parks Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, May 19, 2014.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Ernst stated that the Committee last met Monday evening, April 7, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mrs. Ernst stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, May 5, 2014.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Barth stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, April 21, 2014, 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, May 5, 2014.

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. 40-2014 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$22,988.00 FOR THE FURNISHING OF THE COUNCIL ROOM AND COMMUNITY ROOM SOUND SYSTEM, AND APPURTENANCES, IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO; DETERMINING AND ACCEPTING THE BID OF XTEND TECHNOLOGIES OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO, TO BE THE LOWEST AND BEST BID THEREFORE; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to read Ordinance No. 40-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Mr. Trafis stated:

“I’m friends with the owner of this company, so I will be recusing myself from this vote.”

Roll Call: Barth, yea; Bryda, yea; Ernst, yea; Fraundorf, yea;
Lecznar, yea; Snitzky, yea; Trafis (recused)

6 yea, 0 nay (Trafis recused)

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 40-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to pass Ordinance No. 40-2014

Roll Call: Barth, yea; Bryda, yea; Ernst, yea; Fraundorf, yea;
Lecznar, yea; Snitzky, yea; Trafis (recused)

6 yea, 0 nay (Trafis recused)

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 40-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 41-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PARMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PARMA, OHIO, TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE CITY THROUGH ITS RECREATION COMPLEX FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,100.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to read Ordinance No. 41-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 41-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to pass Ordinance No. 41-2014.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 42-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING AND TESTING MS4 OUTFALL LOCATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY’S NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR STORM WATER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$3,250.00 FOR SAID SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2014 REPORT PERIOD.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Ordinance No. 42-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 42-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 42-2014.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 42-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 43-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH STRYKER EMS EQUIPMENT OF PORTAGE, MICHIGAN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TWO (2) MODEL 6506 POWER PRO AMBULANCE COTS, WITH APPURTENANCES, AND TWO (2) MODEL 6390 POWER LOADS, WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR USE IN THE CITY’S FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SQUADS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$82,394.44 FOR SAID PURCHASE.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to read Ordinance No. 43-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 43-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to pass Ordinance No. 43-2014.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 44-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH HORTON EMERGENCY VEHICLES OF GROVE CITY, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING THE MODEL 6506 POWER PRO AMBULANCE COTS, WITH APPURTENANCES, IN FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIC #2 AND MEDIC #7; AND APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,876.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

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MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to read Ordinance No. 44-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 44-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to pass Ordinance No. 44-2014.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 45-2014 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH *emsCHARTS, INC.*, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO UTILIZE *emsCHARTS* SOFTWARE PRODUCTS TO ASSIST THEM IN CREATING, MAINTAINING, ACCESSING, MANAGING, AND REPORTING PRE-HOSPITAL MEDICAL AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to read Ordinance No. 45-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 45-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to pass Ordinance No. 45-2014.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 46-2014 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND ENACT THE FEBRUARY, 2014 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to read Ordinance No. 46-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 46-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to pass Ordinance No. 46-2014.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 47-2014 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART FIFTEEN, TAXATION CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY ADDING NEW CHAPTER 1533 ENTITLED “TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX.”

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to read Ordinance No. 47-2014 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 47-2014 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to pass Ordinance No. 47-2014.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 57-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HALL OF FAME IN ORDER TO LOAN THE GOVERNING BODY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM WHICH WILL COVER THE COST OF THE FIRST INDUCTION CEREMONY WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FALL OF 2014.

Ordinance No. 57-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 58-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH KISSEL AMUSEMENT COMPANY, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMUSEMENT RIDES, GAME CONCESSIONS, AND FOOD/CONFECTIONARY CONCESSIONS FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HOMEDAYS TO BE HELD JULY 25 THROUGH 27, 2014.

Ordinance No. 58-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 59-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING, FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND PRESENTING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HOMEDAYS 2014 AND APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$8,550.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

Ordinance No. 59-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.

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Ordinance No. 60-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM J. MAXWELL, JR., DBA WJM PRODUCTIONS, OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DR. INSPECTOR’S BUG LAB (BUG LAB EXPERIENCE) FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS WEEK 10 (August 21, 2014) SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350.00 FOR THE “BUG LAB EXPERIENCE”.

Ordinance No. 60-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 61-2014 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.021, PAID HOLIDAYS, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 151, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFORMING TO THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Ordinance No. 61-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to amend Ordinance No. 62-2014 by adding the words “**and declaring an emergency**” to the title, and by adding the emergency clause to Section 3 of the ordinance.

Mr. Trafis stated:

“The purpose for adding the emergency provision to this legislation is due to the fact that there are vendors calling City Hall asking for more information; passing the ordinance will get things moving more quickly.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 62-2014 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 156.05, FEE SCHEDULE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 156, SEVEN HILLS HOMEDAYS, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING FOOD VENDOR FEES AND INCREASING GENERAL MERCHANDISE BOOTH FEES FOR HOMEDAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to read Amended Ordinance No. 62-2014 by title only for its second and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 62-2014 was read by full title only for its second and final reading.

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MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 62-2014 as an emergency measure.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 62-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 64-2014 – AN ORDINANCE RETAINING PUBLIC ENERGY AND FINANCE ADVISORS, LLC TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF THE CITY’S ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Ordinance No. 64-2014 by title only for its final reading.

Mr. Snitzky stated:

“I’d like to note that this ordinance and the following three ordinances are being passed as emergencies because Stewart Lovece has asked that we pass them as quickly as possible in order to maximize our energy savings.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 64-2014 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 64-2014 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 64-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 65-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED ESCROW AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION AND CERTAIN OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY HALL, THE RECREATION CENTER, THE FIRE STATION, AND THE SERVICE GARAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to read Ordinance No. 65-2014 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 65-2014 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to pass Ordinance No. 65-2014 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 65-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 66-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT WITH EVANS ENERGY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION AND CERTAIN OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY HALL, THE RECREATION CENTER, THE FIRE STATION, AND THE SERVICE GARAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to read Ordinance No. 66-2014 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 66-2014 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to pass Ordinance No. 66-2014 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 67-2014 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CUSTOMER SUPPLY AGREEMENT (ELECTRICITY PURCHASE CONTRACT), ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC., d.b.a. IGS ENERGY, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY RATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to read Ordinance No. 67-2014 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 67-2014 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to pass Ordinance No. 67-2014 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 67-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 68-2014 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00 TO UPGRADE THE CITY HALL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM FOR OUTDOOR USES AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMPLEX, SAID PURCHASES FOR THE UPGRADE TO BE MADE FROM VARIOUS VENDORS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLUMINATING COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE BOX PAD AND MT TRANSFORMER 120/240V REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to read Ordinance No. 68-2014 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No.68-2014 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to pass Ordinance No. 68-2014 as an emergency measure.

Mrs. Ernst stated:

“I’d like to say that we are passing this ordinance as an emergency provision because there is an eight-week waiting period once the agreement is signed and the work can begin. We are trying to get this portion of the project done before Home Days.”

Council President Barth thanked Mrs. Ernst for the explanation.

Mr. Snitzky stated:

“I’d also like to say that the people involved in community service have long requested that these upgrades be done so that we have all the power that we need for the various vendors during Home Days. This is long overdue.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2014 IS DECLARED PASSED.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Bryda:

I’d like to make note that the Clerk of Council is authorized to advertise for bids for (1) The 2014 Road Program, and also (2) The 2014 Road Maintenance Program, in accordance with bid specifications prepared by the City Engineer.

Mr. Trafis:

I just want to let the Ward 4 residents know that over the past couple of weeks there have been a rash of car break-ins in the early morning hours. Two weeks ago, to the best of my knowledge, there were at least a half-dozen. Then, again, this past Thursday, fifteen cars were reported broken into on Orchardview, McCreary, and in the Sparrow Flight neighborhood. So if anybody is reading these minutes or listening to the audio, and they live in those areas and they see anything, call the Police right away.

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Mrs. Ernst had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Snitzky had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Fraundorff:

I have a prepared statement.

Within the last several weeks a few bothersome City issues have again surfaced that I cannot ignore. It is sincerely regrettable that I am forced to identify these issues on the Council dais. The frustrating aspect of so many of these recurring issues is they seldom come to closure and I am hard pressed to understand why. In my short four (4) months as a newly elected Council member, I fear our City is ever so slowly becoming the definitive example of the “Broken Window Theory”.

The Broken Window Theory argues that a broken window left unrepaired will make a building look uncared for or abandoned and soon attract vandals to break all the other windows. The Broken Window Theory is directed towards the prevention of crime and is accomplished through steps of keeping buildings in good repair, maintaining clean streets and parks, and responding effectively to petty street crime. These actions make citizens feel safer and when they frequent public places, criminal activity is less likely to occur.

The Fifth Third Bank properties on Crossview Road have been discussed ad nauseum by Council over the last eight (8) years. Today, as a Ward Councilman, I still do not know the final disposition of these properties. And it is not for lack of me asking.

It appears to me even one of our most basic services – police and safety – may be a casualty of the Broken Window Theory. We have an ordinance, 351.11, which prohibits on street parking between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This Ordinance is referenced in the Winter/Spring 2014 City of Seven Hills Community Newsletter under the Police Department section. I called our Police Dispatch at 4:00 a.m. regarding cars parked on the street during the prohibited hours. I was told, after my second call to the Police Dispatch, that the Officer drove past the vehicles but chose not to ticket, as this was the first complaint. My question is why would this require any complaint at all.

I have obtained a copy of the Finance Department database for rental properties. I compared this list to one maintained by the Building Department, which is ultimately responsible for registration of rental properties and annual maintenance inspections. The disparity of the two (2) lists is nothing short of startling. Best practices dictate that two (2) independent City departments must cooperate and work from a single database, if efficient use of time and taxpayer money is to be realized.

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Mr. Fraundorf (continued):

Residents and non-residents have complained about our website. Two (2) primary complaints are that it is difficult to navigate and lacks current and useful information. Two (2) brief examples, our newly formatted City of Seven Hills Community Newsletter does not appear on the City website in PDF format. There is a PDF electronic version available through www.seekandfind.com; however, one must know this avenue exists to obtain an electronic copy. As there is no notification of this “seek and find” pathway on the City website, one must obtain a hard copy of the new Community Newsletter in order to register for updates and obtain an electronic copy. Since a PDF version of the new Community Newsletter exists on www.seekandfind.com, it is certain one can easily be made available on the City website, along with instructions to navigate seekandfind, as well.

This past weekend was designated as a garage sale weekend. Although there is a City website link for a listing of all garage sales, none are listed although fourteen households registered with the Building Department.

Recognizing the shortcomings of the current website, I had agreed a few weeks ago, as a member of Council, to work with a representative of the Administration to investigate and implement an upgrade of the City website. I must question whether this upgrade, if implemented, would result in accurate and faster updates. I know that our existing website allows for the basic update of information. It may be cumbersome to some, however, it can be done. The disconnect of this issue appears simply to be task assignment and accountability to the task.

You have all now heard my concerns. I pose these questions to my fellow Council Members and the Administration. Is there any doubt why residents are frustrated and dissatisfied with various conditions in Seven Hills? Have we lost our direction? Are our Directors held accountable for their and their staff's day- to-day job responsibilities?

Today we received a draft copy of a new Chapter to our Ordinances titled “Wind Energy and Solar Energy Systems”. When it is so difficult to do the small things, why add another chapter to our ordinances with all the implied questions of our will to enforce it?

Thank you.

Mrs. Lecznar had no miscellaneous comments.

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Council President Barth:

I would just like to remind everybody to go vote on Tuesday, May 6th, and please support Issue 20 – that's the Service Levy proposal.

I would also like to thank our Public Works Committee Chairman Bryda and Mayor Dell'Aquila for taking time on Easter weekend to drive the streets and to identify the worst streets and those in most disrepair.

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.

Director of Public Service and Properties and Acting City Engineer Lovece was not present.

Building Commissioner Moro was not present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Dell'Aquila made the following remarks:

Just a couple of items – actually more than a couple of items.

First of all, I want to make sure to thank the Seven Hills Garden Club as well as the Boy Scout Troop who assisted them – Boy Scout Troop 372 – in planting, last October, almost 1500 bulbs around City Hall, the Veterans Memorial, as well as the marquee on Broadview Road and on Civic Drive. These bulbs were planted at their expense, and obviously we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor this coming Spring. I understand, also, that they will be doing another round of planting late in the Spring of 2014. So, again, we wanted to make sure to thank these civic-minded individuals in the Garden Club and in the Boy Scouts for their work, and particularly the following members of the Garden Club – Gerry Craider, Margaret Burtin, Joanne and John Predina, their daughter Jocelyn, Susan Jurecki, and her grandson, Matt Turowski. These are the kind of residents we have in Seven Hills.

I want to thank Councilman Fraundorf for working with Chris Matthews on updating the City website. As those of us who were here at the time will recall, we had previously contacted the County. We were given a quote by the County to upgrade the existing website which Councilman Fraundorf just referred to.

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Mayor Dell'Aquila (continued):

Councilman Fraundorf and I will be speaking again with another community who has implemented the County program, and we will be seeking an updated quote from the County, and perhaps it will be more affordable than last time. I just want to remind everyone that we do not have a specific individual assigned to the website, and we're doing what we can with limited personnel in that score.

Earlier this year my Administration began a series of presentations to Council about the need for more repairs at the Recreation Center. Much of the problems there were caused by design and construction failures, and resulting humidity levels.

This past week the Administration delivered to Council our seven figure 2014 energy conservation measures project proposal. I want to first thank our Service Director/Acting City Engineer Stewart Lovece for all his hard work on assembling this package as well as everyone else involved. The next step in the process is what Council did this evening, and that is the passage of Ordinance Nos. 64-2014, 65-2014, and 66-2014.

The project now will address many of the needs in our City buildings for more efficient lighting, roof repairs, heating and cooling issues and, most importantly, the undersized Dectron Unit at the Recreation Center. All the experts who examined the problem agree that the expensive Dectron Unit atop the Recreation Center roof is undersized and is at the root cause of much of the humidity problems there. The replacement cost for the Dectron Unit alone is over \$0.5 million.

There are more expensive repairs required at the Recreation Center and we will, of course, be presenting those quotes to Council at a later time for that additional work.

Thank you also to Director Lovece and all of Council, especially Councilman Bryda and the Public Works Committee, for all your hard work in assembling the streets program and streets maintenance projects for 2014. As was mentioned previously, the advertising for bids went out and bid openings are scheduled for May 19th. There will be in 2014 about \$3 million in Seven Hills street repairs funded by various means.

Just briefly I also want to thank Council for your support on printing and handing out the Issue 20 literature, which was provided to you earlier. We will be doing that this weekend. Everyone has had a chance to review it, including the Law Department, and agrees that it is strictly informative and non-political. As a follow-up to the discussions that we had in Caucus earlier, we just learned that printing in black and white will be speedier than printing in color. So, with your approval, I think I'm just going to simply ask that they be printed in black and white so that we can get them in our hands quicker.

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Mayor Dell'Aquila (continued):

An article appeared in the April 24, 2014 edition of the *Sun News*. It includes more discussion by at least one member of the School Board about a supposed need to close more high schools in the district. As you recall this was a hot issue in the last election, although some felt that it should not have been brought up at all. There followed a lot of overblown rhetoric on that subject and now, unfortunately, we see that it is not a dead issue after all.

Study after study confirms that home buyers seeking to locate to a community are concerned about proximity to schools and quality public education. There is no question that closing Normandy High School would be a detriment to the education of our children and lower our property values.

If this *Sun News* article is accurate, we can now stop the speculation about whether this issue is still alive. Instead, Council and this Administration must watch this issue closely to make certain that we do not lose Normandy High School. No Seven Hills Public Official can reasonably support the closure of Normandy High School. As I've said before, this is the most important public school issue for our City.

Mr. President, with your indulgence, I have a copy of that article with me, and I'd like to submit it for Council's minutes.

(The subject 'Sun News' article, dated April 24, 2014, as referenced and submitted by Mayor Dell'Aquila, has been appended to these minutes as an exhibit.)

I want to thank Council for the passage of Ordinance No. 47-2014, the occupancy tax measure. We in Seven Hills are one of the few cities in our area that does not have such a provision in its ordinances, and hopefully we will find a use for that measure in the relatively near future.

I want to also thank Council for the passage of Ordinance No. 62-2014, as I think was mentioned by Mr. Trafis, we can now respond to the many calls we're receiving from our vendors to rent space at Home Days – we can move that along.

And, lastly, I also want to thank everyone for the quick passage of Ordinance No. 64-2014, to allow us to perform some necessary electrical service upgrades behind City Hall to accommodate the upcoming Home Days.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to adjourn the meeting.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

The April 28, 2014 Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Michael C. Barth, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____



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Parma

School board, consultant discuss strategic plan

CAROL KOVACH
Special to Sun News

School board members and other focus groups in the district are immersed in developing a strategic plan for the schools. The information will be used to craft a new five-year plan for the district, school officials said.

After a brief special meeting on April 17, the board spent more than an hour with David Kircher, vice president of the consulting firm Santa Rita Collaborative to discuss various aspects of the district.

Kircher posed six discussion points to the board:

- What do board members value or like in the district, and what do they see as strengths?
- What are the expectations for the schools?
- What are board members' concerns for the next three to five years?
- What would board members like to see in the district and the solutions?
- If they could push a reset button, what would board members like to change?
- What things would the board never want to see or hear about the schools?

Board members spoke candidly.

Rosemary Gulick, board vice president, called the district's education program "fluid, with new ideas welcomed" and said the board tries to keep its finger on the pulse of the community.

"It's not your grandmother's school anymore," Gulick said.

Sean Nicklos, board president, said he found the community supportive of the schools, something he has not seen in some other cities where he has lived. He said there is a sense of pride in the Parma district.

"So many staff members are graduates of the district. We have three graduates here on the board," said Kathleen Petro. "And lots of history that is unique to the district."

Board member Karen Dendorfer said the Parma schools have the strongest PTA in the county, which is a good thing.

Gulick said the district's mission is to ensure that students are prepared to live and work in the world.

"The schools are the mainstay of society," she added.

Allowing staff and students to be creative is important to the district's success, Dendorfer said.

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Board member Kathleen Petro said she expects things to be equal across the district, which is challenging with three communities (Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills) in the district, three high schools and three middle schools.

"But we must be accountable throughout the district. We must have the facts, present them and back them up to build trust. Transparency is important," she said.

Parent engagement is another important issue, according to board member Lynn Halloran.

"These are their buildings. We need to have parents involved. And we need equity among the three communities," Halloran said.

Petro said she does not believe the district needs three high schools, an issue that has surfaced from time to time for years.

Nicklos suggested that since the technology infrastructure has been improved, distance learning could be a way to offer more classes. It would allow students to take classes at their own buildings, which would eliminate the need to bus them.

Conversation about infrastructure improvements led to a discussion about the need for constant updates. Some board members wondered if the community would support a levy to keep technology current.

Nicklos suggested polling the



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community to gauge that support. "I think the community would embrace a levy for something specific, rather than a general fund levy. It just makes sense," Petro said. But she said the need must be spelled out.

"We would have to start the message early and keep repeating it. Timing is huge," she said, adding it would take about a year to get the message out.

Dendorfer said the district needs to communicate more and have better marketing. Kircher, the facilitator, said if the board and district can engage the community continuously, there will be no surprises.

"When you pick issues to be in focus, you need people to bring expertise — those with boots on the ground to support the issues," Kircher said.

Finances were mentioned several times, with Nicklos zeroing in on mandates.

"They have shifted education to teaching-to-tests. We're told you have to do this, but there is no money, or we get funding for a year and then have to find the money to continue the program," he said.

Petro said she would like to reconsider the board's recent consolidation moves.

"I believe the consolidation was done too quickly. It created some of it," he said.

problems," she said, mentioning athletics and academics. "We're our own competition. We need to slow things down."

Halloran piggybacked on Petro's comments, adding that she was very involved with consolidation committees.

When asked about what they never want to hear about the district, answers ranged from violence, to being unsafe, feeling ashamed about the schools or being embarrassed about the district.

"I don't want to hear from graduates that they didn't get a good education or are not prepared," Gulick said.

"This discussion has been powerful in so many ways," Kircher said. We need to find a way for the residents to see and hear all of this."

He said input from the board session and that of other focus groups will be presented to a larger group at a two-day retreat next month. That group will include representatives from all segments of the school community.

Once the plan is finalized, Kircher said it is important to keep the discussion going. Board members agreed, saying it could be included on the board agenda.

"The strategic plan is a live document, and we need to stay on top of it," he said.

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