

CITY OF BAY VILLAGE

Council Minutes, Regular Meeting
Council Chambers 8:20 p.m.

April 18, 2016

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council, presiding

Present: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent, Mayor Sutherland

Also Present: Finance Director Mahoney, Recreation Director Enovitch, Director of Public Safety/Service Thomas, Police Chief Spaetzel, Operations Manager Landers.

AUDIENCE

The following audience members signed in this evening: Kristen O'Connor and Matthew Kuzma of Key Bank, Dick Majewski, Lydia DeGeorge, Richard Czech, Jerrie Barnett, Tara Wendell, Jeff Gallatin, Claire Banasiak, Richard Fink, and Bob Tuneberg.

Mr. Koomar called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 8:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Village City Hall, with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Vincent, Councilman of Ward 2.

Following the roll call, Mr. Koomar called for a reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held April 11, 2016. Mr. Clark **MOVED** to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes of April 11, 2016 as prepared and distributed. Motion carried 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sutherland announced that on Tuesday, April 19, the State of the City address sponsored by the West Shore Chamber of Commerce will be held at the LaCentre Banquet Center in Westlake, Ohio, at 11:30 a.m. The event is open to the public and the tickets are \$20 each for lunch.

The Mayor stated that it was announced last spring that the City of Bay Village would receive a \$50,000 grant from NOACA. A stakeholders meeting will be held on May 16, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Bay Village Police Department with representation from the Regional Transit Agency, Ohio Department of Transportation, Cleveland Metroparks, City of Bay Village, Bay Schools and Bike Co-op. The stakeholders are those people that will be impacted by any changes in access to both sides of Cahoon Memorial Park. The meeting is open to the public.

Key Bank Presentation regarding:

- Heritage Home Loan Program
- Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP)

Mr. Koomar introduced Kristen O'Connor, Branch Manager of the Bay Village Key Bank, and Matthew Kuzma, a Licensed Loan Specialist at Key Bank. Mr. Koomar noted that Key Bank is the only institution in Bay Village that does both the Heritage Home Loan Program and the Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP) of Cuyahoga County. Mr. Koomar noted that twelve years ago he took advantage of the HELP Program and found it to be a very easy process to apply with a quick-turn around. With spring upon us and homeowners looking to make improvements, Mr. Koomar thought it timely and helpful to have this information presented this evening.

Matthew Kuzma stated that the HELP Program started twelve years ago and is for all residents of Cuyahoga County. The program is based off of the fact that when you go through the normal lending process with Key Bank and other institutions, whatever you are approved for by the bank Cuyahoga County will subsidize 3%. If the loan is approved at 6%, the County will subsidize 3%. There is no maximum income requirement. The only requirement is that the house being improved is taxed under \$250,000. This is applicable to primary homes, secondary homes, and rental property. The lending process takes five to six weeks if the home is used as collateral. Key Bank also allows unsecured loans, and that process takes one to two weeks. Borrowing up to \$12,000 is eligible for a five-year loan term; above that the life of the loan is up to ten years. Key Bank does not penalize the customer for paying off the loan early. Many times with the program there are no fees involved until the very end. Average closing cost is \$125.00 which can go into the loan. The loans can be used for interior and exterior improvements. The only things excluded are swimming pools, luxury type items, and appliances. An appraisal fee or escrow fee is not required. Ms. O'Connor noted that they are doing a loan now that is 0.9%, fixed rate.

Ms. O'Connor reviewed the Heritage Home Loan Program sponsored by the Cleveland Restoration Society for homes 50 years of age and older, with no requirement for the value of the home. The Cleveland Restoration Society aims to keep the integrity of the home when it was originally built. A person from the Restoration Society is designated to assist the homeowner through the entire process. They will begin with a walk-through of the home at the onset of the process to let the homeowner know what will qualify, and then grant the connection with the bank. The Society has a list of approved contractors and they will work with the homeowner and the contractor all the way through the program. The rates for the Heritage Home Loan Program are still 3% off the bank rate, but are not quite as low as the Help Loan Program. Appraisal and escrow fees are required which can be included as part of the loan. Terms are five years to ten years. The after re-hab appraisal value can be used for equity.

Mr. Bob Tuneberg stated that he used the HELP loan for a driveway and received a loan for .99% with a \$125 initiation fee and 3% off the going rate. Mr. Tuneberg noted that he was able to use a Bay Village contractor for the driveway. Mr. Tuneberg expressed complete satisfaction with the HELP Loan program, and noted that residents cannot go wrong with this opportunity.

REPORTS

Law Director Ebert had no report this evening.

Finance Director Mahoney stated that today is the deadline for filing taxes. The average wait time for the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) telephone assistance has been three minutes. R.I.T.A. had 370,000 tax returns filed and were experiencing some problems this morning due to the high volume of calls.

Mr. Clark asked if the City will experience a quicker transfer of municipal income tax funds or will remain on the same cycle. Mrs. Mahoney stated that the collection rate will remain the same, even though R.I.T.A. is definitely more efficient this year and has not experienced the customer service problems that they have in the past.

Recreation Director Enovitch reminded everyone that the Bay Village Family Aquatic Center opens on May 30, 2016. The early-bird special for passes runs until May 12, 2016, offering a \$10.00 discount. Recreation Department offices are open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through May.

Safety/Service Director Thomas had no report this evening.

Police Chief Spaetzel commented that as he drove through the City this evening it was great to see everyone enjoying the community outdoors. The No-Turn-on-Red signs have been installed throughout the City by the Service Department. A grace period is in place now to allow motorists to become acclimated to the signs. Enforcement action will be taken in approximately three weeks.

A coupon give-away will begin for kids observed wearing helmets when riding their bikes. Five to six hundred of these coupons were given away last year.

Chief Spaetzel stated that there was an incident on Russell Road near Clague Road which was an accidental firearm discharge. The individual has been charged with five different criminal charges. He has been bonded out and the terms of the bond should provide protection for the residents and make them feel better as the City goes through the court process. There has been a lot of contact with residents in the area who have been very understanding as the process is worked through.

Mr. Koomar asked if the individual is allowed to be in the home. Chief Spaetzel stated that he is not permitted to be in the home. Weapons were confiscated.

There were no comments from the audience this evening.

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The motion to not request a hearing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control relative to the application of a D5 Permit by the Panorama Restaurant has been removed from this evening's agenda pending information from the Director of Law.

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Mr. Clark introduce and read **Ordinance 16-21** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a labor agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Sergeants and Lieutenants), and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Koomar called for a vote on adoption of Ordinance No. 16-21.

Roll Call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Inclusion of Emergency Clause:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Mr. Koomar announced adoption of Ordinance No. 16-21, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

PLANNING, ZONING, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lieske had no report this evening.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Mr. Henderson had no report this evening.

RECREATION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Mace had no report this evening.

SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by **Tadych** authorizing the Director of Finance to request proposals for a new City Telephone System.

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Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Mahoney stated that the consultant would like to have the requests for proposals within a month.

MISCELLANEOUS

In compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, **Mr. Clark** moved to convene to Executive Session regarding Contracts: SAFEbuilt, Inc., and Personnel, Firefighters Local 1144 Labor Agreement, Codified Ordinance Chapter 151, Employment Provisions, and Administrative Compensation.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent, Clark.
Nays - None

Also present in Executive Session were Mayor Sutherland, Law Director Ebert and Finance Director Renee Mahoney.

Council reconvened in an open meeting following the Executive Session at 10:17 p.m. Present were: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Mace, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council