

# City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD January 14, 2020

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This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Stacey L. Kelly at 7:20 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present and accounted for were Mayor Biasiotta, Director of Law Pignatiello, Director of Finance Herwick, Councilman-at-Large Elliott, Councilwoman-at-Large Kelly, Councilman-at-Large Kulju, Ward 1 Councilman Kiriazis, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilman Dell'Aquila, Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson, Building Commissioner Houpt, and Engineer Collins. Absentee was Ward 2 Councilman Martin.

## **Motion to Excuse Absence**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to excuse the absence of Ward 2 Councilman Martin from tonight's Council Meeting, due to a work commitment.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ward 2 Councilman Norman Martin was excused from the January 14, 2020 Council Meeting.**

## **READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

**MOTION** by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held December 3, 2019, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Kulju, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 10, 2019, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no submissions for the January 14, 2020 Consent Agenda due to a change in the Council monthly meeting schedule effective January 1, 2020.

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## **RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION**

**Resolution No. 1-2020** – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO **LEN MUNI**,  
CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HALL OF FAME RESIDENT OF THE MONTH, JANUARY 2020.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to read Resolution No. 1-2020  
in its entirety for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 1-2020 was read in its entirety by the Clerk of Council for its  
first and final reading.

**Ms. Kelly** stated:

“I would like to say that not everyone can be an educator, and the fact that you have done it for thirty-five years is remarkable. Shaping minds is not just a job -- it is a calling. It is not for everyone, and not everyone can do it. So, I congratulate you. Even after your thirty-five years as an educator you still continue to contribute through the Astronomical Society and the Planetarium – I think it is very rewarding. I appreciate that -- and that is awesome. I also understand that you are a songwriter, so we may have to have you meet with Kathy Holland to participate in our Farmers’ Market. You can showcase your skills. Thank you for representing our City in such a fine light. It is a pleasure having you as a resident. I congratulate you.”

**Mr. Dell’Aquila** stated:

“Once again, I am amazed at the wonderful individuals we keep finding in our town month after month. This has been such a great experience from my perspective, and I think the perspective of everyone else. Month after month we keep finding these wonderful individuals to honor that contribute so much to our community. Once again, we have located another referral -- yourself. I am somewhat familiar with what it takes to be an educator. My wife just retired as an educator. How much time is actually spent outside of the classroom putting together lesson plans, putting together tests, dealing with administrative duties, and parents. We in our society.....I don’t think have sufficient regard and respect for the teaching profession, how much it means to maintain the society that we have built. Without an educated populous, we don’t have informed voters. I thank you so much for your contribution. I am going to be voting to support this Resolution with vigor and with gratitude in my heart. Thank you so much.”

**Mayor Biasiotta** stated:

“On behalf of the Administration, I also want to thank you for being a great ambassador in the City of Seven Hills.”

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**Mayor Biasiotta** continued:

“I will echo the comment about the teaching profession. I will add, you never know how many lives you impacted when you chose the profession you did, because it’s thousands and thousands. One quick thing, part of my interest in government was born in a ninth grade class called American Political Behavior. I had a really good teacher. It piqued my interest and it never left me, over thirty years later -- oh my gosh. Thank you for being an educator -- and you know that your accomplishments are not only in the classroom. You got out of the classroom and educated people through your camps about nature, and then you went intergalactic bringing your skills to your astronomy. Thank you for being an out-of-this-world educator.”

**Mr. Snitzky** stated:

“A couple of subjects got touched here that I need to comment on. As a fellow John Carroll University graduate, thank you very much for your service to the community. One of the things that I do, is that I am a substitute teacher, and I had something happen to me today -- I am not subbing right now. I was at a library and a bunch of kids came walking by and said, ‘*Mr. Snitzky, how you doing? It’s so good to see you. How’s it going? What’s going on? Where have you been?*’ So, it is gratifying that you make an impact on young lives. They remember you long after you maybe have forgotten them because they change the way they look. So, congratulations and thank you for all the things that you have done. You have a functioning planetarium over there at Berea?”

**Mr. Muni** replied, “Yes, we do.”

**Mr. Snitzky** continued, “Oh, wow. I subbed over there a lot and I never even knew that.”

**Mr. Muni** replied, “It’s at old Midpark High School.”

**Mr. Snitzky** added, “Yes, right. When I was teaching at Berea, subbing at Berea, they had closed Midpark at that time. Okay, very good. Thank you very much for your service.”

**MOTION**

by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to adopt Resolution No. 1-2020 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-2020 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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*There was a hearty round of applause from the audience and all those present upon the adoption of Resolution No. 1-2020.*

**Council President Kelly** left the dais to present the Resolution of Commendation to **Len Muni**. The Resolution of Commendation was awarded to Len Muni with the congratulations and best wishes of Council and the Administration.

*There was an additional round of applause from everyone present in recognition of Len Muni after presentation of the Resolution of Commendation was completed.*

*There was a short pause before the meeting resumed allowing for photographs to be taken. Council President Kelly suggested this would be the proper time for members of the audience to exit Council Chambers if they chose not to stay for the remainder of the meeting.*

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development**

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, January 28, 2020. Mr. Snitzky said that the minutes from the previous meeting (December 17, 2019) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

### **Public Works**

Public Works Committee Chairman Kulju stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, January 14, 2020, and the minutes from that meeting are pending. Mr. Kulju said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

### **Community Services**

Community Services Committee Chairman Kiriazis stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 11, 2020. Mr. Kiriazis said the Committee last met on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council.

### **Police and Fire**

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Elliott stated that the minutes from today's meeting, January 14, 2020, are pending. Mr. Elliott said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 11, 2020.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Martin was not present. Council President Kelly stated that the Parks Committee last met on December 17, 2019, and that the next regular meeting will be Tuesday evening, January 28, 2020.

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## **Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics**

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairman Dell'Aquila stated that the Committee will hold its first regular meeting on Tuesday evening, January 28, 2020.

## **Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel**

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairwoman Kelly stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, January 14, 2020, and the minutes are on file with the Clerk of Council. Ms. Kelly stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

Mayor Biasiotta stated he would like to request Council's confirmation of the Appointment of **Mr. Peter Bode to the Planning Commission.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to confirm and accept the appointment of **Peter Bode** to the position of **Member of the Planning Commission.**  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**Peter Bode's appointment to the position of Planning Commission Member is hereby approved.**

**Council President Kelly** congratulated Peter Bode on his appointment.

*Peter Bode, who was seated in the audience, received a congratulatory round of applause from everyone present.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS**

There were no communications, petitions or claims.

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY**

**Bob Wrobel, 975 Winchester Oval**, made the following comments:

"I just wanted to make an observation on the two Ordinances that are up for a vote today, as to whether or not.....it seems to me that these would be more appropriate as Resolutions since all you are doing is basically instructing and giving permission for the Mayor to perform some action. An Ordinance is a law."

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**Mr. Wrobel** (continued):

“I guess it might be a question for the Law Director to look into as to whether or not it is a Resolution versus an Ordinance as it is proper in this particular situation. So, I am saying that, that might be something you want to consider. There is a difference between the two, as you know. Thank you.”

**Director of Law Pignatiello** replied:

“Ordinance No. 178-2019 is a Memorandum of Understanding and we are authorizing the Mayor to sign it. Ordinance No. 1-2020 is an Agreement. Anytime it is a contract or an agreement, Council has to authorize the Mayor to sign it. That is what makes it an Ordinance.”

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 178-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKING WITH THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FOR EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND THAT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS AGREES TO GRANT AN ANNUAL CONSERVATION APPROPRIATION TO THE SWCD NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500.00 FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD FOR SAID SERVICE. (NEORS Regional Stormwater Management will reimburse the City of Seven Hills for the \$5,500.00 through Title V of the NEORS Regional Stormwater Management Code, Section 79.)

**MOTION** by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to read Ordinance No. 178-2019 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 178-2019 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to pass Ordinance No. 178-2019.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 178-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 1-2020** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ‘SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING SERVICES AGREEMENT’ WITH QUEST DIAGNOSTICS CLINICAL LABORATORIES, INC., OF PARMA, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING CITY-SPONSORED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**MOTION** by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Kulju, to read Ordinance No. 1-2020 by title only for its first and final reading.

**Mr. Dell'Aquila** stated:

"The purpose for the emergency is so we can have continuing testing for our employees and new hires."

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 1-2020 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Kulju, to pass Ordinance No. 1-2020 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2020 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR**

### **Mayor Biasiotta:**

Earlier today we swore in a Police Officer. Very exciting. **Officer Daniel Pestyk** -- welcome to the Force.

Real quickly.....Thank you, Mr. Pete Bode, for becoming our newest member of the Planning Commission. I would like to let the City know that we have one highly qualified individual, Mr. Bode. He works for West Creek Reservation. He is familiar with development issues, zoning, and setbacks. In addition, he has certifications in Urban and Neighborhood Planning. He is going to be an excellent addition. I thank him in advance for his service to his City. Thank you, Mr. Bode.

## **REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

**Director of Finance Herwick** had no formal report.

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**Director of Law Pignatiello** had no formal report.

**Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson** had no formal report.

**Engineer Collins:**

My latest report is on file with the Mayor's Office.

**Building Commissioner Houpt** had no formal report.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Kiriazis:**

I just want to thank everybody that organized the Inauguration last Saturday, January 4, 2020. I want to thank the Mayor. It was a great event. It made the City proud.

**Mr. Snitzky:**

I have to echo what the Councilman to my left just said. I have been on this Council a while now and that was one of the neatest things I have ever been to as far as Inauguration events. A real feel-good attitude toward the City and the people that are in it. It was really nice.

**Mr. Dell'Aquila:**

I just wanted to thank Engineer Collins for a very informative and gracious response to a resident in Ward 4 who has an ongoing issue with her driveway apron. I am sure that your response was much appreciated.

**Mr. Kulju:**

Just a shout-out and thanks to all the people that put on the Inauguration. I was kind of taken back on how well that was. I did not know what to expect, but I was kind of taken back. That was very nice.



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**Mr. Elliott** had no miscellaneous comments.

**Ms. Kelly:**

I would like to thank everyone that participated and volunteered and put their efforts into the Inauguration. It was very nice and very tasteful. Congratulations again to everyone.

I would also like to congratulate our newest member of the Planning Commission, Mr. Bode. Good luck to you and thank you for serving our City.

**MOTION** by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**The January 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

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Stacey L. Kelly, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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