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COUNCIL MEETING HELD June 23, 2020

This Council Meeting was Teleconferenced in keeping with guidelines established by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.

This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Stacey L. Kelly at 8:16 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion to Amend the Agenda

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to waive the twenty-four-hour delivery requirement for:

Ordinance No. 49-2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 976.03(b) PARCEL 2 BROADVIEW ROAD – SOUTH OF HILLSIDE, AS CONTAINED IN SECTION 976, PERMITTED BUILDINGS AND USES, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 976, BROADVIEW ROAD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, OF TITLE NINE, ZONING USE DISTRICTS, OF PART NINE, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING A CHANGE IN USES PERMITTED IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE FAST FOOD AS A PERMITTED USE IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT.

And

Ordinance No. 50-2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS BY AMENDING SECTION 976.03(b) PARCEL 2 BROADVIEW ROAD – SOUTH OF HILLSIDE, AS CONTAINED IN SECTION 976, PERMITTED BUILDINGS AND USES, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 976, BROADVIEW ROAD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, OF TITLE NINE, ZONING DISTRICTS, OF PART NINE, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING A CHANGE IN USES PERMITTED IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE FAST FOOD AS A PERMITTED USE IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT.

and to amend the Agenda by entering Ordinance Nos. 49-2020 and 50-2020 onto the agenda as **Item Nos. 8g1 and 8g2** respectively, for their first readings, if there is no division of the question.

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Roll Call: Dell'Aquila (recused); Elliott, yea; Kelly, yea; Kiriazis, yea;
Kulju, yea; Martin, yea; Snitzky, yea.
6 yea, 0 nay (Dell'Aquila recused) **MOTION CARRIED**

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

MOTION by Mr. Kulju, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 9, 2020, as printed.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no submissions for the June 23, 2020 Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION

Mr. Dell'Aquila called to amend Resolution No. 12-2020, Resolution No. 13-2020 and Resolution No. 14-2020 by adding the emergency provision to each one stating that it was probably a good idea to get the legislation adopted this evening as the commendations were for the months of April, May, and June, 2020, and we are already at June 23, 2020.

The Clerk of Council stated that the emergency clauses are already included in Section 3 on all three of the Resolutions.

Mr. Dell'Aquila stated, "There it is. Got it. I'm sorry that I missed it. I withdraw the motion."

Resolution No. 12-2020 – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO GALE CONNOR, CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HALL OF FAME RESIDENT OF THE MONTH, APRIL 2020.

Resolution No. 13-2020 – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO BRIAN KELLEY, CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HALL OF FAME RESIDENT OF THE MONTH, MAY 2020.

Resolution No. 14-2020 – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO GABRIELLE SHIPTA, CITY OF SEVEN HILLS HALL OF FAME RESIDENT OF THE MONTH, JUNE 2020.

MOTION by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Martin, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Resolution No. 12-2020, Resolution No. 13-2020, and Resolution No. 14-2020, by title only for their first and final readings, if there is no division of the question.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

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Resolution No. 12-2020, Resolution No. 13-2020, and Resolution No. 14-2020 were read by full title only for their first and final readings.

MOTION by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the emergency clauses in Section 3 of Resolution No. 12-2020, Resolution No. 13-2020, and Resolution No. 14-2020, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 12-2020, Resolution No. 13-2020, and Resolution No. 14-2020, as emergency measures, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2020, RESOLUTION NO. 13-2020, AND RESOLUTION NO. 14-2020 ARE DECLARED ADOPTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee met this evening, June 23, 2020. Mr. Snitzky said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 28, 2020.

Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Kulju stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, June 9, 2020, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Kulju said the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 14, 2020.

Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairman Kiriazis stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, June 9, 2020, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Kiriazis said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 14, 2020.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Elliott stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, June 9, 2020. Mr. Elliott said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 14, 2020.

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Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Martin stated that the Committee met this evening, June 23, 2020. Mr. Martin said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 28, 2020.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairman Dell'Aquila stated that the Committee met this evening, June 23, 2020, and the minutes from the meeting are in process.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairperson Kelly stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, June 9, 2020, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Ms. Kelly stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 14, 2020.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Mayor Biasiotta stated:

"I would like to ask Council to confirm **Jeffrey R. Grassi** as the City of Seven Hills new **Building Commissioner**. You have all been provided his resume, and I believe him to be highly qualified. One thing that I would like to point out on the record is that Mr. Grassi holds a Masters in Code Certification. I believe that he is only one of six in the State of Ohio at this time to hold such a certification. I urge Council to approve the appointment."

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Dell'Aquila, to accept and confirm the appointment of **Jeffrey R. Grassi** to the position of Seven Hills **Building Commissioner**.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

The appointment of JEFFREY R. GRASSI to the position of BUILDING COMMISSIONER is hereby approved.

Council President Kelly stated, "Welcome aboard Building Commissioner Grassi."

Building Commissioner Grassi replied, "Thank you, Madam Chairman."

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

The Clerk of Council read into the record a Service Tracker Report of a phone call received from Diana Turchik of 3875 Vezber Drive, on June 17, 2020, to the Service Department, as follows:

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“Resident called to let the Service Department know she appreciated the City having the Shred Event yesterday and to thank the Service workers. She said it was very organized and the workers were very polite.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 38-2020 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH COURTVIEW JUSTICE SOLUTIONS (dba EQUIVANT) OF CANTON, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR’S COURT LEGACY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE AND THE RIGHT-TO-USE LICENSE, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,660.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mr. Kiriazis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 38-2020 by title only for its third and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 38-2020 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Kiriazis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 38-2020.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2020 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 43-2020 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, CERTIFYING THAT WHEN A MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION WAS INCURRED SUMS WERE LAWFULLY APPROPRIATED IN THE FUNDS TO SATISFY THE OBLIGATION AND SUFFICIENT SUMS CURRENTLY EXIST TO SATISFY THIS OBLIGATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Kiriazis, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 43-2020 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 43-2020 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Kiriazis, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to approve the emergency clause in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 43-2020.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Kiriazis, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to pass Ordinance No. 43-2020 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2020 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 44-2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$7,423.50 PAYABLE TO SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH ROCKSIDE ROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND APPLICABLE ZONING AND LAND USE RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Dell’Aquila, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 44-2020 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 44-2020 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Dell’Aquila, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to approve the emergency clause in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 44-2020.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Dell’Aquila, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 44-2020 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2020 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 45-2020 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (Lieutenants Bargaining Unit), FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEMORIALIZING WAGE NEGOTIATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Martin, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 45-2020 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 45-2020 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the emergency clause in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 45-2020.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to pass Ordinance No. 45-2020 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2020 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 46-2020 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE OHIO FIRE CHIEFS’ ASSOCIATION OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONSULTING SERVICES AND TESTING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FOR THE FIRE LIEUTENANT POSITION; APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800.00 PLUS \$20.00 FOR EACH PERSON TESTED AND \$6,100.00 FOR ASSESSMENTS FOR UP TO SIX CANDIDATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Kulju, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 46-2020 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 46-2020 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Kulju, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to approve the emergency clause in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 46-2020.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Kulju, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to pass Ordinance No. 46-2020 as an emergency measure.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2020 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 47-2020 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NATURAL GAS SERVICE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH ADVANTAGE ENERGY PARTNERS LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMPETITIVE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY RATES FOR THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FOR A 36-MONTH TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 47-2020 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 47-2020 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to approve the emergency clause in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 47-2020.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to pass Ordinance No. 47-2020 as an emergency measure.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2020 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 48-2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 123.01, PUBLICATION, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 123, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OF TITLE THREE, LEGISLATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJUSTING POSTING REQUIREMENTS TO CONFORM WITH THE CITY CHARTER.

Ordinance No. 48-2020 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Mr. Dell'Aquila requested that his name be removed as a sponsor of Ordinance No. 49-2020.

Ordinance No. 49-2020 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 976.03(b) PARCEL 2 BROADVIEW ROAD – SOUTH OF HILLSIDE, AS CONTAINED IN SECTION 976, PERMITTED BUILDINGS AND USES, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 976, BROADVIEW ROAD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, OF TITLE NINE, ZONING USE DISTRICTS, OF PART NINE, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING A CHANGE IN USES PERMITTED IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE FAST FOOD AS A PERMITTED USE IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT.

Ordinance No. 49-2020 was read by full title only for its first reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to refer Ordinance No. 49-2020 to the Seven Hills Planning Commission for review and recommendation.
Roll Call: Dell'Aquila (recused); Elliott, yea; Kelly, yea; Kiriazis, yea; Kulju, yea; Martin, yea; Snitzky, yea.
6 yea, 0 nay (Dell'Aquila recused) **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 49-2020 has been referred to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Dell'Aquila requested that his name be removed as a sponsor of Ordinance No. 50-2020.

Ordinance No. 50-2020– AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS BY AMENDING SECTION 976.03(b) PARCEL 2 BROADVIEW ROAD – SOUTH OF HILLSIDE, AS CONTAINED IN SECTION 976, PERMITTED BUILDINGS AND USES, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 976, BROADVIEW ROAD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, OF TITLE NINE, ZONING DISTRICTS, OF PART NINE, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING A CHANGE IN USES PERMITTED IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE FAST FOOD AS A PERMITTED USE IN SAID ZONING DISTRICT.

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Ordinance No. 50-2020 was read by full title only for its first reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to refer Ordinance No. 50-2020 to the Seven Hills Planning Commission for review and recommendation.
Roll Call: Dell’ Aquila (recused); Elliott, yea; Kelly, yea; Kiriazis, yea;
Kulju, yea; Martin, yea; Snitzky, yea.
6 yea, 0 nay (Dell’ Aquila recused) **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 50-2020 has been referred to the Planning Commission.

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dell’ Aquila, to amend Resolution No. 15-2020 by removing the emergency clause in the title and in the body of the Resolution, and reverting the Resolution to its first reading.
Ms. Kelly stated:
“This is for our proposed levy here for the ballot in November of 2020. We want to make sure that we have a full three readings on this.”
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

Amended Resolution No. 15-2020 – A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 1.4-MILL TAX LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(H) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Amended Resolution No. 15-2020 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Resolution No. 16-2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED ALTERNATE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021.

Resolution No. 16-2020 was read by full title only for its first reading.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Biasiotta gave the following report:

“On behalf of the City of Seven Hills, I would like to send my condolences to the friends, family, and colleagues of Brunswick Councilman Frank Raso who passed away earlier today. Thank you.”

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REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Finance Director Petrunyak:

I would first like to welcome aboard Building Commissioner Grassi. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

I also have two reminders to Seven Hills residents. First being the deadline to file the 2019 Seven Hills Income Tax with the Regional Income Tax Agency. This is coming up on July 15, 2020.

The second reminder is the Annual Sewer Maintenance bill -- those were sent out June 1, 2020. The payments are due back to the Finance Department on August 1, 2020. Any unpaid fees, along with the ten percent penalty, will be certified to the County Auditor and be applied to next year's property tax bill.

That concludes my report this evening. Thank you.

Director of Law Pignatiello:

I have no report this evening.

I would, however, like to welcome Building Commissioner Jeff Grassi. I worked with Jeff in the past, and I look forward to working with him some more.

Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson:

First of all, I would like to welcome Building Commissioner Jeff Grassi, also. If there is anything we can do.....and I look forward to working with you.

Secondly, I would like to let everyone know that we finally have taken possession of our new snowplow truck. The truck came in yesterday, June 22, 2020. The truck comes with interchangeable parts. We are starting out with the chipper box and the salt bed. All of those are interchangeable parts. So, it is going to be a very useful tool in delivering services to the community.

I would like to acknowledge a donation of concrete from Rockport Ready Mix in Cleveland. The CEO of the Company is a resident of Seven Hills and noticed that we were repairing some of our roadways that have white topping overlay. We had some problems with them and we were repairing those with asphalt. Rockport Ready Mix stepped up to the plate and donated concrete so we could do some of those repairs.

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Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson (continued):

He also brought a gentleman in from Ohio Concrete Association. The company put on a little seminar for our guys to orient them to the proper application of concrete. We appreciate your donation and finding materials for both of those jobs.

Lastly, I just wanted to bring to Council's attention that we had a microburst storm on Thursday night, June 18, 2020. There was a substantial amount of damage in parts of the City -- particularly, Parkgate Oval, Bramblewood Estates, and the surrounding area. A number of trees were down. We did get a lot of resident calls.

I just wanted to point out from June 17th, the day before the call, to today, the Service Department has taken 127 calls for service. The majority of them are for tree damage and chipping of limbs. Just for comparison, for the month of November 2019, we took 139 calls. In December of 2019 we took 131 calls. So we have taken in a weeks' time pretty close to the number of calls we were taking in, in an entire month at the end of 2019.

I would like to congratulate our Service Department guys who have stepped up to the plate -- and we're going to get out there and try to get all of those limbs off of all of those tree lawns, but there was quite a bit of damage in the City. I appreciate everyone's patience throughout the City as we try to get to those limbs.

Thank you.

Council President Kelly thanked Service Director Johnson for the update and for the good work.

Engineer Collins:

I want to start off with what we discussed briefly in the Finance Committee earlier -- that the Legal Ad for the proposed Broadview Road traffic signal will be advertised in the Parma Sun News. Again, this is to clarify -- for the new Meijer's Project -- it's a warranted traffic signal that is going to be installed. The Legal Ad is going to be published on July 2, 2020 and July 9, 2020. The bid opening is going to be held on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Next, I just wanted to welcome aboard Jeff Grassi as new Building Commissioner here in the City Seven Hills. I look forward to working with you, Jeff. Both the Engineering and Building Departments are pretty much cohort departments and work together on a lot of things throughout the City. Again, I look forward to working with you.

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Engineer Collins (continued):

The remaining of my detailed report is on file with the Mayor's Office.

That concludes my report for this evening. Thank you.

Building Commissioner Grassi:

I do not have a formal report tonight. I would, however, like to say thank you to Council for this opportunity to serve the citizens of Seven Hills, Mayor Biasiotta, and staff. I want to thank all for the warm welcome. My door is always open.

Council President Kelly thanked Building Commissioner Grassi, stating that Council looked forward to working with him.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Snitzky:

Councilman Snitzky said he had a couple of items this evening.

At the June 10, 2020 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board made the following motions regarding variances requested:

4505 East Sprague Road, Anthony Toth

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted whether (or not) to grant applicant and property owner Anthony Toth, 4505 East Sprague Road, a variance to Ordinance No. 963.02 to allow the construction of an addition to the existing garage which will cause the attached garage to exceed the allowable 45% of the main structure by approximately 100 sq.ft. as shown on the drawings submitted with the application.

Roll Call: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Motion Carried

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted whether (or not) to grant applicant and property owner Anthony Toth, 4505 East Sprague Road, a variance to Ordinance No. 1106.02(c) to allow the construction of a turnaround that will have zero clearance of the property line as shown on the drawings submitted with the application AND a variance to Ordinance No. 1106.02(d) to allow for the Building Commissioner to approve driveway provided water drainage will flow to West without necessity of vee or curb as otherwise required by Section (d).

Roll Call: 3 yea, 0 Nay

Motion Carried

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MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 10, 2020, in granting the variances to Anthony Toth, of 4505 East Sprague Road, concerning the construction of an addition to the existing garage and the construction of a turnaround, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Also, at the June 10, 2020 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board made the following motion regarding a variance requested:

66 Skyview Drive, Keith Decumbe

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted whether (or not) to grant applicant and property owner Keith Decumbe, 66 Skyview Drive, a variance to Ordinance No. 997.03(a) to allow the installation of a 6' high privacy fence 28 feet forward of the rear yard building line on the westerly side of the home as depicted on the submitted application.

Roll Call: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Motion Carried

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 10, 2020, in granting the variance to Keith Decumbe, of 66 Skyview Drive, concerning the installation of a fence.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

I'd like to welcome Mr. Grassi. It's nice to have a full complement of Administrators in the City for the first time in a long time. So thank you very much, gentlemen, for all your hard work.

Mr. Martin:

Just two items tonight -- both wet blanket issues.

Every time we have met we had an opportunity to report miscellaneous comments. One is regarding Covid-19.....just to be smart and to do the right thing. Some of these posts have all their viewpoints regarding the mask, or not masks, or some type of freedom fight, etc.

I do have a piece of math for everyone to be aware of. This was an interesting thing that I came across this week. If you have the Covid and you are not wearing a mask, and I am standing within 6 feet of you, I have a 17% chance of receiving Covid from you. If you are wearing a mask, and have Covid, I only have a 3% chance of receiving it. So, if wearing a mask is courtesy, it is looking out for your neighbors, and for our community. So, I just encourage folks to be smart about this, and all you have to do is read the paper to see what is going on around us.

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Mr. Martin (continued):

The second, final thing is July 4, 2020 fireworks are coming up and, unfortunately, today the fireworks, being confined to the Fourth of July, seems to have gotten out of hand for the communities. Again, do not be rude to your neighbors. Your neighbors work for a living. Most of the time they have the need to obtain their sleep at midnight. And, of course, it is quite a disservice to the animals. It is just something where you need to be considerate of your neighbors. Celebrate the Fourth of July like we have, but do it in such a manner that it is not a three-week long blowing off of fireworks. They are still illegal in the State of Ohio and within Seven Hills. I just encourage you to be aware of that.

Thank you.

Mr. Kulju:

I would like to welcome Jeff Grassi to the Building Department and the City of Seven Hills. Looking forward to working together with you.

Thank you.

Mr. Kiriazis:

I would like to welcome Building Commissioner Grassi to the City of Seven Hills.

I also want to thank the Fire Department, Police Department, and Service Department for their quick response to the microburst on Thursday night. Also, to the surrounding communities that gave the City of Seven Hills mutual aid.

I also like the idea that came up this week of the fire hydrants being painted in the City and the paint being donated by Sherwin Williams and the brushes being donated by the Seven Hills Rehabilitation Center over on Rockside Road. I think it is a great idea. I think it is good to get the citizens involved within the City by painting the fire hydrants.

Thank you.

Mr. Elliott:

I also want to thank Service Director Johnson, and especially the Fire Chief that I know came from his home during that microburst. I want to thank all the Police and Firefighters and surrounding cities for a job well done.

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Mr. Elliott (continued):

Again, welcome Building Commissioner Grassi. I am sure I will be meeting you soon. Welcome to the City of Seven Hills.

Thank you.

Mr. Dell'Aquila:

I just wanted to also share a welcome to our new Building Commissioner, Mr. Grassi. I look forward to meeting you and working with you in the future.

I would like to share everyone's thoughts on the wonderful first responders in our town and who have been dealing with such a difficult situation with regard to the microburst. I also want to thank Service Director Johnson and all of his crew. They have done just a wonderful job in keeping up with the number of complaints that have been, frankly, from what we just heard, unprecedented in our City.

No further remarks. Thank you everyone.

Council President Kelly:

I would like to welcome aboard our new Building Commissioner, Mr. Grassi. I look forward to working with you. Welcome to the team.

I also would like to thank our first responders and the surrounding Cities who assisted us with the microburst. It is much appreciated. I appreciate everything that you do every day for us.

A shoutout to Service Director Johnson and his team. Great work. It is a beautiful thing. It is nice to be thanked, but it is really nice to hear the feedback from the residents. So, in my opinion it is the highest compliment you can get.

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MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to adjourn the meeting.
Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

The June 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Stacey L. Kelly, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____

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