

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL CAUCUS**  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Mayfield Village Civic Hall**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Council President Buckholtz called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Buckholtz, Mrs. Cinco, Mr. Marrie, Mr. Marquardt,  
Mrs. Mills, Dr. Parker and Mr. Delguyd

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Rinker, Mr. Wynne, Ms. Calta, Mr. Cappello,  
Chief Edelman, Chief Mohr, Mr. Marrelli,  
Mr. Metzung, Mr. Dinardo, Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Esborn, Mrs. Wolgamuth and Mrs. Betsa

**IN COMMITTEE (STATUS)**

**Safety and Service**

Mrs. Cinco reported that Safety and Service met this evening.

For Councilman Delguyd's benefit, as we go, Council President Buckholtz stated, we might just explain how the agenda works. We put this item on In Committee (Status) which is for updates. We go through all of this again at the Regular Meeting which is where we vote on things and we discuss things. The concept here is things go to Caucus first and then they get sent to committee and then they show up two weeks later assuming it goes through the process to get voted on. So this In Committee (Status) report on Safety and Service is just an alert on what's going on or what's been going on in various committees. We have just had Safety and Service. What Mrs. Cinco is saying is that those items will be coming up during Caucus.

Mrs. Cinco stated, the items were pretty much housekeeping for the year.

Dr. Parker stated, I was going to say what Joanne said. Most of the items are things that occur every year, but we call them housekeeping items.

**MAYOR**

. **Committee Appointments – 2012**

Mayor Rinker provided a memo previously on committee appointments. Things are pretty much status quo. We have a few people shuffled around, a couple new additions, but again, this is the time for Council representatives, if you have some suggestions, people have approached you, let us know. Get them in to Diane Wolgamuth and we can get the word out. We will swear in all of the members on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We would like to get letters out to everyone asap. That's why we provide the memo. If there are any last minutes, let us know. Otherwise we are going to just get the word out. Hope to have everyone here on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

. **Council Committee Assignments**

Council President Buckholtz stated, the same thing goes for Council committee appointments. As I said before, we talked a little bit. I will be out of town for the next week and a half, but I can be reached. My cellphone and computer will be working. We will touch base before the next Council meeting, but I think we have a good idea of how those assignments will go.

**ADMINISTRATION**

. **Annual Subscription and Fiber Maintenance Fee (OneCommunity - \$15,000)**

Mr. Esborn reported, this fee covers all of our internet and the voice over IP phones. In addition, it covers all of the subscribers on our fiber ring which include Mayfran, QED, Panzica and about five companies within the Panzica properties. I have OneCommunity testing the usage now to make sure that the amount of bandwidth that we have is sufficient. The last time we checked it was but I will get the report on that soon.

Normally in years past it has been a matter of this is our internet. It's an annual payment. This year, because we have some credits built up in our account, I sent out a memo in packets letting you know there is about \$4,500 worth of credits in our account with OneCommunity. The idea with that account would be that we would use it to assist company's properties in building lateral connections from the street to their buildings. For instance, I have had some talks with Preformed. They are talking to their IT folks. I would like to keep those going with them, but potentially that could be a property where we could assist with a lateral build. So, for that reason I suggested that even though we could use the \$4,500 to lower this annual payment, we keep those credits accruing in that account so that we can be in a position to help properties with lateral builds and we will continue to accrue throughout the year and be in a similar position next year even if we don't help any companies or properties.

Council President Buckholtz asked, once again, how do we accrue those credits?

Mr. Esborn replied, OneCommunity bills the subscribers on our path. They then take a flat amount from the payments for their maintenance of those subscribers' connections. The rest of the payments goes into our account.

. **Postage for all departments for 2012 (United States Postal Service - \$25,000)**

Mrs. Wolgamuth reported that the \$25,000 that is requested pretty much covers the entire year for all of the postage for the *VOV*, the Recreation brochure and all of the mailings that we do.

Mrs. Wolgamuth continued, I have a couple of other things. There should be a sheet in front of all of you that is the 2012 Elected Officials. That is the sheet that is distributed to all new residents. If there are any changes in phone numbers or if you would like to put your cell instead of your home number, just mark them and leave them for me and we will make those changes.

The next thing that I have is in your packets I included a draft policy for usage and rental of this facility. We don't have a written policy. Right now, we kind of do it on a case by case basis. I find it helpful to have something I can refer to as different groups approach us for use of the building. Since I distributed it, I heard from a couple of department heads and Council members with suggestions. I will incorporate those changes and distribute them. I just wanted to make sure that you are all comfortable with the direction that I am heading and that it all makes sense to all of you.

The last thing I had was a memo I distributed on the Community Partnership on Aging. If you don't mind, I am going to just do a quick recap on it to highlight some of the things. We looked at it because in order to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program which is something that we do currently, we need to have someone who can do the assessment and visit the homes to make sure that there is a need. We initially thought that Donna would be able to take on that task but apparently it has to be a certified social outreach worker and we don't have anyone on staff.

We looked at this Partnership which has existed since 1978 and initially it was South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Highland Heights. Mayfield Heights joined last year when their Human Services Director retired. It's a similar situation to where we are at now. The Partnership is funded by those cities. It gets some Federal funds. It also accepts donations. It offers a lot of the recreational things that we do, but I am not proposing at all that we would stop using our card group and the different recreational things that we offer at the Community Room but it also has things that we don't currently offer like transportation, assistance with housekeeping, they will actually come in and develop a volunteer program within Mayfield Village, so it will be Mayfield Village people volunteering to help other Mayfield Village residents. They will oversee that program. They do referrals, people that they would refer for maintenance of people's homes. They provide a daily free lunch for anyone over 60. The transportation

company will pick them up and take them home. That lunch program rotates between the three communities now.

If we became a full member, they would consider having some of those lunches at our Community Room also. They provided a quote which was attached to my memo that has pricing for full membership as well as an ala carte. So we could just do social work. We could just do transportation. We could pick what services we wanted to offer.

They are providing social work for us during the month of January while we consider this proposal. We didn't want to have a hole there and not have someone to do the assessments if there was a need. If Council feels this program is worth looking at, Bill Thomas and I will plan to discuss it with the Commission on Aging and also with the Recreation Board because now the Senior program is going to be under the Recreation Department. Stacy O'Brien, their Director, is available to come to the February Caucus if we would like a presentation and to answer any questions that you may have.

Mr. Marrie stated, it would be a good idea to have her speak.

Mrs. Wolgamuth stated, she was very good. She was impressive.

Mrs. Cinco stated, it would be good for her to meet with you and Bill to go with the Commission on Aging to see exactly what they feel they need. You can always add more, or take away, right? After the trial? Do you have to sign up for every part of it for a whole year?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, the way she set up the quote, it contemplates a two year period where the first year they will be evaluating what we offer, assessing what they think they should be offering and then in 2013 we will become full members. They have not indicated and I don't know if once you sign up if you are signing up for a particular period of time.

Mrs. Cinco just wondered if one of the programs didn't work out, you can work that out.

Dr. Parker asked, how many individuals in our community take Meals on Wheels?

Mrs. Wolgamuth did not know.

Mrs. Mills replied, it usually runs about 4 to 5. We really don't have that many in the Village. Where you are finding a lot of use is up in Mayfield Heights in the apartments, like Villa Serena and Luther House, places like that where they don't get meals. That's where the Meals on Wheels are going.

Mr. Marquardt stated, I have two questions. One was along those lines, how many Mayfield Village residents utilize these services and the other one was how much Federal funding do they get?

Mrs. Wolgamuth did not know how much Federal funding they get. They indicated they do get some. I don't have those numbers. As far as usage, Meals on Wheels is for someone who would not be able to go out of the home and you would have to have a meal for them. This lunch program is for any individual over 60. It's also a way for them to get out and socialize every day and have lunch with their friends. So how many of our residents would utilize that I think would be very different.

Mr. Marquardt asked, about how many utilize the services we currently provide or have been providing?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, we don't provide any lunch or transportation.

Mrs. Mills asked, what kind of programs are you talking about?

Mr. Marquardt replied, didn't we have some programs that Eunice had?

Mrs. Cinco replied, just for parties.

Mrs. Mills added, what we had was the flu shot program and the card games twice a week. She would bring in guest speakers. There was not a charge for the guest speakers.

Council President Buckholtz stated, and they were taking trips as well.

Mr. Marrie replied, she had AARP come in for taxes and driving.

Mrs. Mills stated, she had a lot of things like that did not cost.

Mr. Marquardt asked, how many regulars were involved with that?

Mrs. Mills replied, that would be hard to say. A lot of her card players do not live in Mayfield Village. I would say only about a third of the people playing cards are Mayfield Village people. To my knowledge, she has never taken a count on who is a Villager and who is not. All they do is pay 50 cents to play cards a time.

Mayor Rinker stated, a couple things that came up previously with Eunice that we had talked about and never really could quite crack the nut was dealing with providing more transportation services. This consortium, now the partnership, has been doing this work for a number of years. We are trying to get some anecdotal accounts back from the different municipalities as well. We really are on a learning curve. They provide home healthcare services of various types. I think there are a lot of things that we have just really never provided before. Either they didn't seem like they were available or maybe we didn't even think about them. This is going to be a combination of figuring out what really is going to be useful and then how do we gauge from our community what's useful. I think it's going to be a work in progress for a while.

Dr. Parker stated, it would also be good to know how good their service is.

Mayor Rinker agreed.

Mrs. Cinco added, and how many would take advantage of it in the Village.

Mr. Marquardt stated, it would be worthwhile to know what the Federal funding is. If that would get cut, we would be ending up absorbing it.

Mrs. Mills stated, I know when Mayfield Heights got their bus for transportation, they got a grant for \$30,000 or something. That was only for the bus. That was not for the driver, or insurance and everything else that comes along with a package like that. They are having a meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room.

Mayor Rinker and Council President Buckholtz asked, who's we?

Mrs. Mills replied, the Commission on Aging. A lot of this will be discussed. This is all new to the committee itself. I think we should get their input on what their thinking is.

Mayor Rinker stated, that's exactly what they're doing. This is one where we are trying to get a good read from other communities. We are trying to get a better understanding of the services, the extent of the services, what's the value of those services and I think it's going to be sort of back and forth with our own residents. A lot of people, you can ask them, do you want this now and they may not even know what we are talking about. It's going to be to develop a better understanding.

Mrs. Mills thinks we have to be mainly concerned about our residents. We have some who come from South Euclid and Chagrin Falls to play cards. They are not going to be interested in the kind of programs that is in this document.

Mayor Rinker stated, that's the general idea. You get no argument from me. Agreed.

Mrs. Mills continued, I know that way back when when this consortium was formed, we were asked to join it. That was when Mayor Beebe was in office. He declined it because he wanted to protect the Mayfield Village residents. Way back then we could have been part of that group, all this time.

Dr. Parker asked, Diane, you had mentioned February. Should we maybe do it at the prior meeting because you had said that they are going to cover us through January?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, I suspect they will cover us through February also.

Dr. Parker stated, if that's going to be the case, then February is fine.

Mrs. Wolgamuth stated, they won't do that indefinitely. They will want to know that we are moving toward membership but while we are still looking at it, they will cover it.

Council President Buckholtz asked, I hate to do this to you, but what are they covering for us right now?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, right now, just the social work portion. So if you look at the quote, there's a listing of what they do under the social work. If there were someone that had a need for the assessment on the Meals on Wheels, we didn't want that to not be available.

Council President Buckholtz replied, okay, what is that cost running?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, \$1,600 a month. We have already contracted for that for the month of January.

Dr. Parker asked, when you say, we have contracted for that, does that mean we are paying for it?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, we are paying \$1,600 for this month.

Dr. Parker stated, when you said they offered to do it for us, my impression was they were going to cover us for January at no charge.

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, no, I'm sorry.

Council President Buckholtz replied, they offered to do it without signing a contractual relationship for a period of time, is that what you meant?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, yes.

Dr. Parker asked, how many do we get a month?

Mrs. Wolgamuth asked, how many?

Dr. Parker clarified, how many requests for that do you get a month?

Mrs. Mills asked, for Meals on Wheels? About 4-5 I would think. It depends.

Dr. Parker asked, for the social worker to do what they are doing? This social work, it's more than just Meals on Wheels, correct?

Mrs. Wolgamuth stated, all we really do is Meals on Wheels. We have not offered any social work otherwise.

Dr. Parker asked, so in the past, when Eunice or whoever did it, how many per month did we have or do we have?

Mayor Rinker asked, for what?

Dr. Parker replied, for Meals on Wheels.

Mayor Rinker stated, as Patsy said, maybe a half a dozen people.

Dr. Parker asked, so we are paying \$1,600?

Mayor Rinker replied, for social work as well.

Dr. Parker replied, okay, that's what I am trying say. It covers a broad range of social work, not just Meals on Wheels?

Mayor Rinker replied, that's what she said.

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, right.

Mrs. Mills stated, Diane, you can call Meals on Wheels and hopefully that new secretary will be in there. It's in the computer. She should be able to tell you how many people receive meals, like say for a year. We could use that for a point.

Mrs. Wolgamuth stated, the people who are receiving meals would continue receiving meals anyway. I just didn't want to be in a position where we didn't have anyone available if there was a need and then that person couldn't get meals because we didn't have someone go to the house to do the assessment.

Council President Buckholtz stated, I think this is an interesting topic. I think it should take more discussion and more research. Especially if we are transitioning this, I am guessing, to the Administration or will split it between Recreation. What I jotted down real quick, and really we had a big party for Eunice's retirement and it never really gelled, like, okay, so, I know a little bit about the card games. My father-in-law went there. That's so different than what we are talking about here. But it was great that they were happening. I don't care, and something like that for a quarter or 50 cents. I don't care if it was Mayfield Village people or anybody from around here. It was great that we had that. We still have that?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, yes.

Council President Buckholtz asked, it's still going on?

Mr. Thomas replied, that's probably the most popular program.

Council President Buckholtz asked, and who's monitoring that or overseeing that?

Mr. Thomas replied, Donna.

Mrs. Mills stated, the only thing Eunice would do, when we had our holiday party and our luncheon in the Spring, those people that played cards that were not Village residents, they were not allowed to come. Those two parties were for Village people only.

Council President Buckholtz knows that Eunice kind of stepped in to snowplowing, but that was an administrative function.

Mr. Thomas replied, Donna handles that.

Council President Buckholtz asked, Donna's handling all of this? Okay. Then, guest speakers, that's a nice feature.

Mayor Rinker stated, we don't think we are going to lose anything. It's a question of what we would add.

Council President Buckholtz replied, right. To Mr. Thomas, he stated, you do trips for other things, so it's a natural for you to help.

Mr. Thomas stated, Donna and I work on trips.

Council President Buckholtz stated, so then the more social aspects, I am just wondering, the County offers those kind of things too. This is going to be interesting. See how it plays out and gather information and check it. Did Eunice keep records? Do we have those kind of records in-house? I am thinking back to her report. She would say, it was a great trip, we sold out the trip. We really didn't ask how many people went. We have those figures?

Mrs. Mills replied, that's hard to do, Bill. Sometimes she would have a small bus that held 20 people and then the next time, like when we went down to Cambridge, we had a big bus which was 50 people. So there's quite a bit of difference.

Council President Buckholtz stated, we don't need to belabor the point. I'm saying there's more serious things in taking care of people. There's more fun things. I don't want to lose anything but to add to it, we have talked about transportation and other things for so long, but at the same time with everything the way it is you want to balance the need versus offering.

Mrs. Wolgamuth stated, I have not been that involved in the senior programming, so I don't have all those answers.

Council President Buckholtz asked, so you are just broaching the subject.

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, exactly.

Mrs. Mills stated, I think after the meeting Diane will be at the meeting and Bill and myself and the Commission on Aging group itself. We will be able to report back and be a little more positive. That's what I am looking for to be positive with this whole thing which I think we can do.

Council President Buckholtz asked, is this organization going to be at that meeting as well?

Mrs. Wolgamuth has not invited them to be at that meeting.

Council President Buckholtz asked, so it's just you and the Commission on Aging?

Mrs. Mills replied, it's just going to be Village people and Bill. We can then see what their feelings are. I think that's what we are trying to do.

Council President Buckholtz asked, when was that meeting?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Mills added, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in the Community Room.

Mr. Thomas replied, the back conference room.

Council President Buckholtz stated, I won't be there, but if anybody is available.

Mrs. Cinco asked, didn't Eunice do a survey years ago about the need for transportation?

Mr. Marrie replied, very few people wanted it.

Mrs. Mills replied, I know she does have a bus that comes down from Mayfield Heights and brings people to play cards and they come and pick them up.

Council President Buckholtz stated, I think those things change all the time too.

Mrs. Mills suggested we go on to something else. This is good information that Diane has given you now. We will work on it and will come to some resolution.

## **FINANCE**

Mr. Wynne reported, our health, dental and life insurance policies are up for renewal on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The first meeting of the Healthcare Task Force with our insurance consultants will be this

Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> to start the process. You will be getting more information on that as we proceed.

We received some correspondence from RITA. They are not going to be mailing out tax booklets any longer. They are following the same route as the IRS and the State of Ohio where they are trying to push everyone to e-file. Residents are going to get a postcard letting them know they are trying to get them to e-file. They can go to the RITA website and print out forms if they want. We are also going to print out forms here locally and have them on the counter if residents want to come by and pick them up with instructions. In case anyone asks you that's what's going on as far as the RITA tax process.

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>
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- . **Prisoner housing for remainder of 2011 (City of Bedford Heights Jail - \$1,000)**
- . **Prisoner housing for 2012 (City of Bedford Heights Jail - \$10,000)**
- . **Monthly TAC fees for CAD and Olen for 2012 (TAC Management - \$11,340)**
- . **Cleaning of new police station for 2012 (Carlson Cleaning Service - \$7884)**
- . **Monthly CRIS/LEADS/NCIC usage for 2012 (CRIS - \$15,024)**

Chief Edelman reported these items were discussed at Safety and Service and will be passed along to Finance. For the most part, they are housekeeping issues, monthly fees that we incur on a regular basis.

Mr. Marquardt asked what the significance of a superblanket purchase order is.

Chief Edelman replied, that was, if I am not mistaken was created when Mr. Brett was the Finance Director. He created that. It's a means of consolidating some of our permanent costs.

Mr. Marquardt asked, but why a superblanket?

Mr. Wynne replied, it's defined by the State Auditor's office that way. A superblanket p.o. is for a company that you are going to have recurring payments to monthly like utilities or the Bedford Heights Jail or these management companies for the software. A blanket purchase order would just be a p.o. for a company that we deal with throughout the entire year but not necessarily have regular monthly payments to them. It's a State Auditor procedure.

Council President Buckholtz stated, okay, so we will move all these to Finance. Any other questions on those items?

There were none.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- . **Hydrant usage fee – Cleveland Water Department**
- . **MARCS fees for 2012**

Chief Mohr reported, these are the same thing. Housekeeping issues.

Council President Buckholtz stated, send them on to Finance.

**PLANNING  
DEPARTMENT**

- . **Cuyahoga County Business Attraction and Anti-Poaching Protocol**

Touching upon the Cuyahoga County Business Attraction and Anti-Poaching Protocol which was created to encourage collaboration among municipalities and discourage aggressive tactics, Mr. Esborn reported that he put a memo in packets about this. We have done a lot of due diligence. I reached a recommendation that we enter into the protocol by weighing the potential burdens of entering into it. In other words, what would we be roped into versus the value of our continuing and growing partnership with the County.

This protocol doesn't really change any of our operations on the economic development front. There's a copy of the protocol in packets. It's really sections 4, 5 and 6 that other communities have pointed to saying these are restrictive, but going through them personally and everybody that I have talked to on the Mayfield Village end doesn't really see anything in those sections that would hinder us in attracting businesses. But when we look at the relationship with the County just in the last couple years, \$175,000 through the Innovation Zone, \$22,000 for energy and of course probably the biggest, the phone system which Cuyahoga County hosts, Mayfield Village was the first city in the County that the County did this program with. We have always been a city that seems to have been in the front of the line with the County. It seems that we would want to protect that.

In addition, we have developed a good relationship with the new Administration. Ed Jerse and Nate Kelly are our points of contact on the economic development front. We have actually spoken directly to them about Beta Drive, about QED's rapid growth, potential expansion. We already have the wheels turning with the County on those things. My recommendation is that we enter into the agreement, at least in large part because we would want to keep that momentum going.

I mentioned in the memo that there are 18 cities that have signed on. Ed Jerse from the County actually corrected me. It's only 17. But I have that list and I can supply it to anybody if they are interested.

Mr. Marquardt asked, is this thing modeled after anything else?

Mr. Esborn replied, not that I know of. I think they constructed it just based on a central County one-stop shop.

Mayor Rinker stated, no, that's not particularly true. It's more than that. The Northeast Ohio Mayors and Managers Association and the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association for about the last five to seven years, a lot of it in conjunction with Cleveland State and with some other consultants have been looking at different kinds of, the anti-poaching moniker was placed on there some time ago. I think what the County is trying to do is to modify that and make it much more a comprehensive working relationship between the County. This new centralized County government, with the different municipalities, seeing that there's a strength in unity.

The other part of this is something that Ed Fitzgerald has really promoted, the \$100,000,000 development fund. In the last probably two to three months, it's finally gained some real strength between the Council and the Administration. The feedback we have been getting just in the last few weeks from Ed Jerse and Nate Kelly is that the Administration is very serious about moving forward. They see Mayfield Village in the forefront of communities with the kinds of things we have been doing with Beta where they look at us as maintaining that kind of partnership. So to be blunt, we think it is a good way for us to buy in to what we see as continued growth with the County.

Mr. Marquardt stated with regard to the anti-poaching, it looks like a bureaucratic solution in search of a problem.

Mayor Rinker stated, but I think when you read through it more, it's been debated, but I think from the Executive's position, from Ed Fitzgerald, he sees this as a way that by working with the County, you can negotiate better, you can start directing a larger economic development policy more coherently or cohesively between communities. Instead of it being more balkanized, it's really a much more unified way. I think what he's tried to demonstrate is that, he is trying to encourage that participation.

Personally I think that the name anti-poaching is probably more negative than it should be and I think when you read the elements of it, it's much less restrictive. That was one of the things that was raised by our Council representative Jack Schron when he met with our committee.

Ted went out and talked to a number of different businesses. The feedback we have gotten is that generally speaking we don't see it as a negative. I think it has more of a negative connotation in sound than in substance. The other part of it though is that we are really getting a lot of follow up with Nate Kelly and with Ed Jerse to make sure that we are really supportive of this whole program. So I think it's a way for us to participate, to be pragmatic.

Mr. Esborn stated, on the model question, I simply meant there's no example from Gary, Indiana or Peoria, Illinois, or anywhere like that that they are modeling it after, but certainly, yes, they are basing it on efforts that have been made here in this region in the past.

Mayor Rinker stated, I think one of the problems with Ohio is with the home rule structure that we have had over the years that every municipality is its own entity. When you have virtually six dozen political jurisdictions in the County where everyone's competing for much the same thing, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense. Where this has probably gotten the most scrutiny is, well what do you do then if you are competing with Mentor in Lake County or you are competing with Summit County? I think there again the response from the Administration is while recognizing there's that risk, you are more likely to succeed in terms of policy if there's a more unified County because you bring greater weight to the table. I think that's the direction they have gotten to.

Council President Buckholtz stated, that's a very interesting aspect to it that I never thought of. If I can add my two cents, I never saw it as having a lot of teeth to it, like with these resolutions and we just kind of say, well, yeah, there's nothing wrong with going along with it, but I think it's more symbolic of bringing people to the table. But I never thought of that part about crossing County lines, like if you have a coalition to start with, you might find you get some help from downtown so to speak. The other thing is, if you see the way he's building the government downtown, or rebuilding it, and everything's consolidating, everything's coming under one direct focal point. For better or for worse, we all have our opinions down there on certain issues, but I think it's more about bringing people to the table. We've always and we maybe still will, you go to DOPWIC, you go to different, it's like you shop around for grants and you are always going a million places. I think he wants to, not control that, but kind of make Cuyahoga County a focal point. They never really did economic development in connection with municipalities before.

Mayor Rinker stated, well no and that was one of the points, I think even with the non-profits, that generally speaking, I know Ned Hill weighed in from CSU on this, that the constant refrain has been trying to promote a more coordinated economic development policy that benefits the region and there is strength in numbers. It really was part of the Issue 6 pledge if you will was that this new government would have some centerpiece going forward that dealt with economic development. So this is Ed Fitzgerald's characterization of that, creating this \$100,000,000 fund. How that functions, I think there's still probably going to be a lot of bugs to work out of this system. To be practical, looking at we need participation, you have to hit that kind of critical mass for this thing to move forward. Unless you develop that momentum, it's status quo.

Council President Buckholtz stated, also if you look at how much he changed it from the first iteration to the second iteration. It's like negotiation. When you say \$100, does the other guy say \$50 or does he say \$95? They changed it lot from the first one to the second one. So I don't think we are really joining in on the words that are written there per se. We are, but it's more, well you said it in your report, we always come out pretty darn good with the County and that's the old Administration and I think we want to show that, I mean, I'm for it. But I think that it's –

Mr. Delguyd asked, do you have a deadline?

Mayor Rinker replied, we are actually past the deadline date set.

Council President Buckholtz stated, it's interesting you bring that up, because I asked how many communities are in it because there's a certain advantage to being at the head versus the tail. Eighteen out of 58 municipalities, we are still kind of up front.

Mr. Delguyd stated, if you look at the 18 that joined, they have really nothing to lose by joining. Their economic conditions are much worse off.

Council President Buckholtz replied, not necessarily so. I looked at that too and the first few that were on that list were sort of inner ring suburbs but then I saw Pepper Pike and, who else did I see? I don't have that list.

Mr. Esborn replied, I can read it off real quick, it won't take too long. Bedford, Berea, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Garfield Heights, Lakewood, Linndale, Moreland Hills, North Olmsted, Parma, Orange, Parma Heights, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights, Shaker Heights and University Heights.

Council President Buckholtz stated, if you are making the point that, because I looked at that list real quick to see and I saw Bedford and Garfield, but then I don't think Lakewood and Shaker and Pepper Pike are hurting.

Mr. Delguyd stated, there's a couple that are on there, but there's no real, as you talked before, there's no, the City of Cleveland's not in there, the major economic drivers of the region, Beachwood, Independence, Westlake, Strongsville, those types of cities. Those are the ones that we should be getting the input on.

Mayor Rinker stated, we have tried to encourage that and I wouldn't discourage it now. Take Westlake as an example, and I would be, it would be interesting to see even 10 years from now where Westlake would be on this issue and even looking back 5 years because Westlake is starting to recognize its competition with Lorain County. The most recent example, when the Cleveland Clinic and the City of Avon basically worked out a deal with Jacobs to do a whole interchange, and all you heard from Dennis Clough was a complaint about Westlake roads, Westlake infrastructure was going to suffer on something like that. Now query whether or not if Westlake and Cuyahoga County were more engaged in that dialogue with ODOT, with the Cleveland Clinic, whether or not that might have been handled differently. I think that that's what's harder for us to anticipate, but I think we need to look forward in anticipation of the kinds of policy decisions that really require, and I wouldn't be surprised if Strongsville, Westlake, Brecksville, Solon are the last ones to get involved in this. It would not surprise me in the least. Because right now they feel like they can stand pat with a pretty solid tax base. But ultimately the County has to look on a regional basis how it's going to coordinate this. And I think the

City of Cleveland frankly is very fearful of takeover from the outside. I think there's a real worry on the part of the City of Cleveland because its tax base is so vulnerable. So it's kind of like the two extremes I think between the outer and the inner edges.

Mr. Delguyd stated, I think we, I know it has been brought up a couple times at Council that our biggest benefit from this being on the border of Lake County is going to be protection from cities like Mentor and Willoughby.

Mayor Rinker stated, well, as an example again, in one of the pieces that we got from Fitzgerald's office, if you were to take that situation, the idea would be that the County then would sort of be an intermediary between Mentor and a community within Cuyahoga County. This Council can remember not too many years ago we were getting basically whipsawed when Progressive was looking at Campus 3, the Avery Dennison deal, the grant deal that was negotiated with the City of Mentor. We were basically one on one with Mentor. Again, I am not sure that we are going to change the competitiveness between different political entities, but the question that I think we have to ask ourselves, do we not have better buying power, better negotiating power, under the aegis of the County.

Mr. Delguyd asked, and what do we give up for that?

Mayor Rinker replied, I don't think we give up anything. If anything, what we may give up is a lost opportunity for some of the economic development strategies the County is working through this \$100,000,000 program. I don't know the answer to that, but I think it's a risk we don't need to take.

Council President Buckholtz stated, we talked about this in the Development Committee and a little bit here at Council. I think it's just bringing people together to talk. That's what it really says. Before you make a move, you are obligated to talk about it. Again, really, what does that mean?

Mr. Esborn replied, I should make clear some of the practical advantages, sort of on the benefit side of it. On the first portion of the protocol, it talks about pooling resources. There's a lot of talk in the protocol about leads and sort of centralizing the leads that come in for companies that are looking to relocate from out of the area and the way it is now and the way it has been, you get that information if you can get that information, if you have your ways of getting it, depending on what city you are in. It's very appealing and actually the Greater Cleveland Partnership is doing something now where when they get leads, they sort of blast them out to the economic development professionals. That's been very helpful and I think that sort of thing is what the County is trying to do. That's, for a larger city, maybe they have structures in place, but it's very appealing to look at that and say, we could be able to have access to that information because maybe one of our buildings is ideal for one of those companies that's moving in.

Mayor Rinker asked, speaking of the Foundation, they are on that list, right?

Mr. Esborn replied, the Partnership. That was what the County did to really get investment from businesses in the County. They didn't want to randomly select companies for feedback so they went to the Greater Cleveland Partnership which represents over 600 businesses and worked with them on the protocol and got it to a point where the Partnership approves.

Mr. Delguyd asked, have they let you know where the \$100,000,000 is coming from?

Mr. Esborn replied, well, they did, I believe they issued bonds for it. I know that the fund is supposed to be approved at their next meeting.

Mr. Wynne advised, they are not selling them all at one time.

Mr. Delguyd asked, sold as needed?

Mr. Wynne replied, in blocks. I am not sure what those blocks will be. Then the intent is when they lend that money out to the businesses that are moving that they will be repaid and it can be replenished that way.

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any other questions or comments.

There were none.

Mr. Esborn advised, I have one more item I want to touch on tonight. Unfortunately, our DOPWIC application for Eastgate/Meadowood sewers was not among the applications recommended for funding. I went through our scoring that the DOPWIC committee put together. We weren't really deficient in any areas, just didn't hit every area like we had to get into the top 10 or 12 or whatever. I am going to be working with the Planning Commission in the coming months to figure out how we can approve it for next year.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION**

- . **Residents' memberships to Progressive Fitness Center for 2012 (\$20,000 – pass through)**

Mr. Thomas reported, this is our annual purchase order that we put together for Progressive Insurance. Mayfield Village residents come in and pay us for their membership. We do this once a year.

- . **Fireworks – 2012 (Zambelli - \$14,600)**

Mr. Thomas reported, this is our last year with Zambelli. The cost is \$14,600. They wanted to start the process a little earlier this year. Fireworks are on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Buckholtz asked, that was a three-year deal at the same price?

Mr. Thomas replied, that's correct.

**LAW DIRECTOR**

- . **Retention of Village Engineer for 2012**
- . **Retention of Animal Warden for 2012**
- . **Retention of Municipal Architect for 2012**
- . **Retention of Clerk of Council for 2012**
- . **Retention of Prosecutor for 2012**
- . **Retention of Finance Director for 2012**
- . **Retention of Law Director for 2012**

Ms. Calta reported, the above are all usual ordinances that you see in January. They are being put together in this Friday's packets. If there are any questions, you can direct them to me or the appropriate individual or entity or Mr. Wynne I am sure can answer any questions on any compensation set forth in there or other information.

- . **Legislation repealing position of Human Services Director**
- . **Legislation repealing position of Community Relations Coordinator**

Ms. Calta reported the Human Services Director legislation is due to the transition of those functions into the Recreation Department. There's an ordinance that creates the Human Services Director. It was my recommendation that since we don't have that position as an active position, we just take it off the books. That doesn't mean at some point in the future if the situation or circumstances change and Council and Administration feel differently that you can't create a new position.

That also brought up this other position on the books which is the Community Relations Coordinator. That is also not a currently active position that I am aware of. We are also recommending that be taken off the books. You will see those in your packets. If there are any questions, just let me or Joe know.

Council President Buckholtz asked, are these two subject at all to being discussed at Ordinance Review? Is this just standard?

Ms. Calta replied, I would say those are more housekeeping just because with Human Services we have made that transition already. I don't see that there would be anything for Ordinance Review. The other is not actively filled. I don't know the answer to when or if it ever was.

Mayor Rinker stated, I think it was George Phillips, or was to have been.

Mrs. Cinco agreed.

Ms. Calta stated, Ordinance Review meets next Tuesday. We can certainly put them on the agenda.

Council President Buckholtz does not think there's any harm in that. It makes sense. It's a good thing. It should just be put out there in the Minutes that we are still offering the same services. It's not a move to cut services. It's strictly consolidating staff and using the administration to its best advantage. Does that make sense?

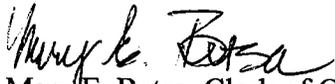
Ms. Calta replied, it does. We can put it on the Ordinance Review Committee agenda.

**ANY OTHER MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL**

Council President Buckholtz asked if anyone else had anything. There were no further matters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Betsa, Clerk of Council