

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Special Meeting
Council Chambers 8:06 p.m.

February 24, 2020

Vice President of Council David L. Tadych, presiding

Present: Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Mayor Koomar.

Also Present: Law Director Barbour, Finance Director Mahoney, Police Lieutenant Palmer, Fire Chief Lyons, Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, Recreation Director Enovitch, Building Director Tuck-Macalla.

AUDIENCE

Clare Banasiak.

Vice President of Council Tadych called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Peter J. Winzig, Councilman, Ward 4.

Motion by **Stainbrook** to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held February 10, as prepared and distributed.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read **Ordinance No. 20-21**, amending Codified Ordinance Section 129.02 regarding Division of Police; Members, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Barbour announced that Ordinance No. 20-21 was placed on first reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Koomar called upon Police Lieutenant Mark Palmer for a report on an incident that occurred in Bay Village last week.

Lieutenant Palmer stated that when arriving to the scene after an EMS call, the Police discovered that it was a tragic scene where someone lost their life. In addition to the loss of life, there were a lot of chemicals at the scene, either for making drugs or weapons. They do not know, at this point, until all the lab reports are released. It took several hours to clear the house of all the chemicals with the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the hazardous chemicals team. The next step was to call out the Westshore HAZMAT team. It was not a safe scene until all the chemicals were separated. The operation was smooth from the police and the federal stand point. People were evacuated and everything was quickly separated to make the area safe.

Mayor Koomar added that the Westshore Enforcement Bureau was on the scene. There were people assigned to each component. Patrolman Darren Ingham is on the Bomb Unit and with the

team members were on the scene working through an unknown situation as to how the substances could be dangerous. With the Fire Department was on standby, one device was detonated at the Service Garage.

Mrs. Stainbrook asked, from a public safety standpoint, if there is an ongoing investigation to determine intent.

Lieutenant Palmer stated that it must first be learned if this was an accidental death or suicide. Once it is determined what the chemicals are, they can move forward. If the chemicals were all inert, there is no need for investigation, other than into the actual devices that had to be blown up. The Police cannot move forward quickly due to the need to allow the family time to grieve. It will take several weeks to find out what the chemicals are and to receive the coroner's report.

Chief Lyons expressed kudos to the Bay Village Fire Department team, noting that the call initially came in as an emergency medical service (EMS) call. The responders quickly recognized that there were unusual circumstances and alerted the police department.

Mayor Koomar advised that on Sunday, February 23, 2020, the Fire Department was called to assist with a large fire in Rocky River. Seven agencies responded to the fire.

Chief Lyons stated that it was a very challenging fire at an unoccupied building under construction. There was a lot of property damage, and damage to fire department vehicles, none of which were Bay Village vehicles. Chief Lyons commented that there was great team work on the part of the west side fire departments.

Ms. Maier introduced and read **Ordinance No. 20-22** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Public Library for a parcel of real estate in Cahoon Memorial Park located at 27400 Wolf Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Barbour announced that Ordinance No. 20-22 is placed on first reading.

Mrs. Stainbrook introduced and read **Ordinance No. 20-23** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Chagrin Valley Paving for the 2020 Asphalt Resurfacing Contract, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Tadych called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-23.

Roll Call on Suspension of the Charter Rules:

Yeas-DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.
Nays- None.

Roll Call on Suspension of the Council Rules:

Yeas -DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.
Nays -None.

Roll Call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas -DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.

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Nays – None.
Roll Call on Adoption:
Yeas– DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.
Nays –None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 20-23, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no further announcements this evening.

AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or matters to come before the Council this evening, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



David L. Tadych Vice President of Council



Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council

