



SHAKER HEIGHTS

COUNCIL MINUTES January 28, 2019

The Council of the City of Shaker Heights met in regular session at 6:05 p.m., Mayor David E. Weiss presiding.

Council members present: Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore
Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia
Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams
Mr. Zimmerman (arrived at 6:14 p.m.)

Council members absent: None

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At 6:06 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Williams that Council go into an executive session to discuss imminent or pending litigation; the purchase, sale or the development of real property where premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person, or otherwise adversely affect the general public; and personnel matters, including the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of one or more public employees or officials.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore
Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia
Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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At 7:39 p.m. Council returned to the special meeting.

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Mayor Weiss provided a brief update. He recognized the passing of William Schuchart, the former Chief Administrative Officer who served the City for over 27 years. He was a very devoted public servant and did an amazing job in our community as well as for the Administration for a number of years.

Mayor Weiss stated that one additional item has been added to the agenda for the Tree Advisory Board. We are proposing to expand that Board by one member to add additional expertise. We are also moving forward with an initial meeting of the Sustainability Committee. A number of people have expressed interest in serving on the Committee as well as some interest in the Sustainability Coordinator position. We will be interviewing those candidates in the next week or so.

Mayor Weiss stated that in response to questions from Council, the revenues since the end of last year are still choppy both on the property tax side as well as with the income tax. A lot of it we believe is timing driven and also tax driven with the change in the federal tax law. It really depends on what period you are looking at. In some cases we are a little behind where we expected to be and in some cases we are a little ahead. It is fair to say that it is kind of early to have a good sense of a trend of any kind at this point. He would like to deliver more robust, happy news about that but it is still fluctuating. If Council needs more details, he can get that to them.

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It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Mrs. Senturia, that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2018, be approved as amended.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Motion Carried

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The Mayor invited members of the audience to comment on any of the agenda items.

No comments were offered.

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Ordinance No. 19-02, by Mr. Malone, authorizing the application for and acceptance of a Community Recycling Awareness Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in an amount up to \$5,000, and declaring an emergency.

Christopher Gordon, Public Works Superintendent, stated that every year the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District offers a zero match community recycling awareness grant with a maximum award of \$5,000 per municipality. The City applied for this grant last year and received it. We use the funds for the shredding event as well as handing out pamphlets explaining the City's recycling app and recycling process. We would like to apply for the grant in 2019 and use the funds to produce materials that will be placed in the *Shaker Life* magazine. The materials will touch on "reuse, reduce and recycle." With recycling ever

changing we want to provide as much information as possible to the residents. Additional copies will be available throughout City buildings and the Library, as well as distributed at block parties. In addition, we will be promoting the Shaker recycling app. There are no matching funds required from the City. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules in order to meet the application deadline of February 1.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that this item was presented and unanimously approved by the Safety and Public Works Committee. The discussion was educational and centered on how to communicate to residents how much the recycling market has changed in the last year. They asked if we are trying to give too much information at one time and if we could reduce it so residents ingest more. We have a great recycling app, ShakeRecycles, developed precisely for this point. The inclusion in the *Shaker Life* magazine will explain how to download the free app and what you can and cannot recycle. It is so important that we get the information out. We are often the first point of dissemination on Council. The Cuyahoga County recycling website also has plentiful information. You can repost this information within your own communication circles and it will be very helpful.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Finance and Administration Committee. There was a similar discussion about how the recycling market has changed nationwide, and internationally. He believes we have two more years on our current recycling contract before it comes up for renewal. This is something that the Sustainability Committee will be working on once it is up and running.

It was moved by Mr. Malone, and seconded by Mrs. Moore, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-02 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Malone, and seconded by Mrs. Moore, that Ordinance No. 19-02 be enacted as read.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 19-03, by Mr. Zimmerman, administrative approval of improvements to public land as recommended by the City Planning Commission for the purpose of improvements at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Boulevard, pursuant to Section 1212.02 (I) of the City's Zoning Code.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that the City Planning Commission recommended approval of improvements to public land for the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes in order to replace the All People's Trail with the condition that the height of the gazebo not be taller than 25 feet above ground. The All People's Trail is a largely elevated wood boardwalk. The Nature Center proposes to replace it in the same location and layout. It will include the new boardwalk, a trail head feature, a pergola and gazebo. Both the pergola and gazebo are on the raised platforms within the boardwalk trail system. The gazebo is a unique one-of-a-kind design, 16 feet above the boardwalk. This is why the City Planning Commission approved it for 25 feet above the ground. The Architectural Board of Review also reviewed and approved the design of this project. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules so that the project can proceed with the design bidding. She acknowledged the Executive Director Kay Carlson and the Board President who are present.

Chair of the Board of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Jim Dixon stated that he is a Shaker resident, who will be serving for the next two years. He thanked the City for its support of the Nature Center and consideration for this important project. The gazebo will be a stunning feature point.

Kay Carlson stated that she is the President and CEO of the Nature Center. The Nature Center is a private non-profit organization operating on public lands that are within the Shaker parklands. They manage 20 acres out of the greater 300 Shaker parklands area. Their mission is to conserve this natural area, connect people to nature, and inspire environmental stewardship. They receive no property or income taxes and rely solely on contributions, membership, donations, grants and program fees to support their mission. They currently provide family and adult programming for over 3,000 people per year as well as environmental education for over 117 schools and 12,000 students per year. These all include Shaker Heights School District K-6th grades; Cleveland Heights/University Heights kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grades; as well as Cleveland Metropolitan School District pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 4th and 5th grades. Over 65% of the students that they serve come from low income households in urban neighborhoods with little access to nature. The field experiences that the Nature Center provides helps widen their frames of reference and gives them the opportunity to be immersed in nature often for the first time. It is a very important program. All of their programming utilizes what they like to call their outdoor classroom. That includes the entire collection of trails, habitats, and outdoor facilities that they use for their programs. In September 2017, the Nature Center embarked on a multi-year plan to restore and enhance their outdoor classroom. That included creating an outdoor amphitheater behind the building which opened this past fall. The next project is to replace the All People's Trail this summer. The next projects will be to renovate the Stearns Trail, the Friend's Pavilion, and to restore their 20 acres of habitats. They hired an environmental design group to conduct the planning and design for all these outdoor features. They have also hired an owner's representative. They have been planning over the past years to replace the All People's Trail, and the boardwalk is going to be replaced with wood essentially in the same footprint. Some of the new features will include a new main trail entrance from the parking

lot, an optional pergola at the entrance to the marsh hub, a new gazebo structure that will be unique, and a new trail entrance from the North Woodland Road entrance in Cleveland Heights. These renovations and improvements are really meant to improve access to nature by upgrading the trail to meet today's ADA standards, make the trail entrances and gathering spaces more welcoming and inviting, and enhance the formal classroom as well as the informal visitor experiences to create more functional spaces to hold entire classes of students, and allow space for public programs and events. The existing All People's Trail was completed in 1983 and built with a 30-year life expectancy. It is beyond that and showing signs of aging. The new All People's Trail will be built more sturdily with newer materials and have a life expectancy of between 50 and 100 years. They are making a huge investment in the community at this time. It is really a benefit to everyone. Their initial fundraising is exceeding expectations. To date they have raised about 75% of the construction costs through contributions from their Board of Trustees as well as individual donors and foundation grants. They hope to raise the remaining 25% over the next several months. She thanked the City for its support.

Council member Mr. Zimmerman stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the City Planning Commission. There was an excellent presentation with graphics and they spent more time on the design element than normal so they could understand how it would be built. They all recognized the important community asset in the Nature Center.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that the Nature Center has always been a key partner in the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership, and an alliance between the cities of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights. We are so glad to have had the Nature Center there from its inception. This is going to be a terrific resource and she is pleased they have been so successful in raising funds to make this happen.

It was moved by Mr. Zimmerman, and seconded by Mrs. Moore, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-03 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
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Nays:	None
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Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Zimmerman, and seconded by Mrs. Moore, that Ordinance No. 19-03 be enacted as read.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
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Nays:	None
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Ordinance Enacted

Ordinance No. 19-05, by Mrs. Moore, authorizing an amendment to the contract with Weber Murphy Fox for Phase 1 of the City Hall Space Study and Plan, to modify the cost for services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,750, which will bring the total contract amount to \$35,030, and declaring an emergency.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that this item is to modify an existing professional services contract for \$3,750. Weber Murphy Fox was contracted with after a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process in July 2018 to provide design services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$31,280 for design concepts and cost estimates for a City Hall space study. The primary purpose for the City Hall space study and plan is to co-locate the Building and Housing Inspection Department, now located in two separate buildings, and to reorganize other departmental locations for functionality here in City Hall. Weber Murphy Fox has completed all their initial deliverables including conceptual layouts, and associated costs. However, none of these options can be accomplished with the allocated capital budget of \$450,000 in 2019. The project team is now investigating phasing the project over two years and there is additional work we need from Weber Murphy Fox to look at two options, phased over two years. They are already part of the way through that. There was a discussion by the Safety and Public Works Committee about the type of work. It was emphasized that the work is essential for structural and utility work and to make spaces habitable. The Finance and Administration Committee discussed the initial cost estimates. We are recommending to modify the contract with Weber Murphy Fox to add \$3,750 funded by the 2019 capital budget. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules so we can keep the project on schedule.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Safety and Public Works Committee. The summary of the discussion revolved around the high cost and the level of renovation that we are doing. They wanted to know what level of work this was, and the answer let them understand that it was a minimal level of renovation unfortunately. The costs have to do with the level of improvements and structural systematic changes that need to be done. The other question was why we are doing this work now and the answer is because we are looking for a space plan for the reuse of all the spaces in City Hall. The two departments that could be consolidated in the space are Building and Housing Inspection. Those who have had the opportunity to tour the former Fire House know that if this were a residential house it would be demolished. The need is not questioned. She hopes that over a two-year span of time we can actually make progress and improve this.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Finance and Administration Committee. This is a way to make better use of our space, and attract and retain employees. It is a relatively small amount of money and requires no new appropriations.

Council member Mr. Roeder asked for clarification about the allocation of \$450,000 not being enough and breaking the work into two phases. He asked if they are looking for less expensive ways to do it or ways to pay for it over two years.

Director Braverman stated that staff has been working with the architects to hone in and reduce the cost. This is a planning exercise, it is not a cost estimate. You cannot

estimate until you have hard line drawings. We are trying to bring down the costs as well as split the work into two years.

Mayor Weiss stated that there is no question that some of the preliminary estimates were higher than we anticipated. Some of it is for the basic work that we are doing and then recognizing that we may need to break up the project. We don't have those funds available necessarily to do it all at one time. We had not gone in with that as a concept so we had to take a step back. If we have to phase the project we need to figure out how we would best do that. That was outside the scope of the original work that was done.

Council member Mr. Roeder asked if there is a cap to say we can't spend more than a certain amount to do this work.

Mayor Weiss stated this is just for the planning. We do have a cap on what we are paying for the planning work. The second phase will be to get actual cost estimates. We are not there yet. We do not have a cap for the construction work at this stage.

Director Braverman stated that staff is looking to see how we can do this as efficiently as possible, keeping the cost as low as possible. We are only looking at essential things. We are not talking about everybody getting new furniture. The only new furniture is for cubicles to go in certain spaces that we do not own now. Everyone else will keep the very old furniture. We are looking at what is essential to accomplish this.

Council member Mr. Roeder asked if the plan includes the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building which may be impacted by the move.

Director Braverman stated that this is only for City Hall. This is for the Fire House space and any other spaces in City Hall that are affected by a department or two departments moving to that location. For now the core of this work includes the Fire House and the first floor of City Hall.

Council member Mrs. Senturia stated that now that we have learned this, the number is twice what she imagined it would ever be, and asked where we will have the space and time to ask the question together if we want to continue to spend money pursuing this. It is so much larger than any of us expected and part of the consolidation was to save costs and now we are going to be spending a lot. She is wondering when the Mayor sees that conversation happening before we move forward with other parts of this project.

Mayor Weiss stated that after we get the planning completed and feel comfortable that we have a workable plan that can be phased in and we think we have a better handle on those numbers, we will come back to Council and lay out the details of the project. This is an increase of \$3,750 just for planning. We will come back to discuss the scope of the project.

It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Malone, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-05 be placed upon its final enactment.

for stakeholder interviews amongst the three different entities, as well as clarify an infogathering from employees of those three entities. In addition, it includes two outward facing meetings with the community. We did opt for two additional tasks: a project identity package for \$3,340 to help streamline communications, choose a name and logo, and web content for all three sites; and the taskforce recommended a speaker panel that NEXT would arrange to kick off this process for \$2,440. The cost of this project will be split three ways at a cost of \$17,590 each with the City accepting the contributions from the other two agencies as the City will be the agency to contract for this. In addition to the \$50,000 that the Planning Department budget has for the City's share of both phases, they are requesting an additional appropriation of \$35,186 for the amount of the shares we will receive for the contract, which will be reimbursed. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules so we can proceed with this vision plan.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Finance and Administration Committee. This was met with a lot of enthusiastic support. They were happy to see that a project like this had finally reached a concrete stage where money was being appropriated towards a consultant. While this request does require a new appropriation it will be reimbursed from the Schools and Library. Phase one will be completed in 2019. Following that there will be a physical space study and master plan. They were glad to see this coming to fruition.

Mayor Weiss stated that we have been very encouraged by the cooperative nature of these discussions. These are the final steps of the preliminary phase. Once we get this in place we are ready to go. There was a lot of good feedback from all three taxing authorities on the appropriate amount of time to keep it moving while providing enough time for internal discussion and external public comment. He looks forward to moving this forward. The fact they all agreed to share in equal portions for this first step is symbolic and a good sign for the future.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that in the 25 years she has been serving in public office on the School Board and City Council, she has seen a lot of joint costs but never a collaboration that has been funded by all three entities to the extent of this one. She knows that funding is not a guarantee that it will produce results, but she is hopeful this time we have different variables that will produce a different result. She commended the Mayor for moving forward on this.

Mayor Weiss stated that one of the other reasons for bringing in an independent facilitator is to make it clear that it is not being driven by any of the taxing authorities but truly a collaborative approach and sending the right message to the community that we are equal partners in these discussions.

Council member Mr. Roeder stated that this effort is long overdue. This is an opportunity to clarify what our vision is collectively as a community and then to begin the process of having discussions on what capital planning looks like to achieve that vision. It gives City Council, the School Board, and Library Trustees a guiding light with which to make major decisions. We have had prior conversations and some well-placed comments on how what we are doing right here fits into the larger context. This is what enables us to do that. He congratulated the Mayor on pulling this together as well as Dr. Wilkins and Dr. Switzer

for their involvement, along with Director Braverman who has been an advocate for this for a number of years. It is very exciting to see this at this point.

Council member Mrs. Senturia congratulated the Mayor and stated that this is the first information she has received about this process. Council has asked questions and now we are being asked to commit to funding something when they are just learning the goals of the project. She does not really understand them. She needs more information. There haven't been any public discussions about this yet. The meetings to get to this point have all been in private. She is not sure what was discussed at those meetings and where other elected officials are and she feels there has been a lack of conversation although Council members Mr. Roeder and Ms. Williams may feel differently since they have attended those meetings. She has asked several times for more information and this is the most she has ever seen. Council is being asked to make a decision now about the whole direction of the City without having a chance to discuss it. She is happy to hear more if anyone can talk us through what has happened or provide a memo documenting some of this. There has been a lack of public information other than the memo they received today along with the update at the beginning of the meeting today on our financial situation. We had to make hard decisions on the budget and she feels that this would be something we want to carefully consider. It is not a big investment but it is an extra investment at a time when we have told staff we can't afford to pay for a cost-of-living increase.

Director Braverman stated that we are just embarking on the process. The goals will be set with the community and with the stakeholders: Council; the School Board, and the Library Board. The way we go through a visioning process is to have the consultant do stakeholder meetings and find out the issues, interests, and aspirations. We then will hold it open to an idea gathering session where people come up with what would be the ideal situation where we could work together. Through that there will be goal setting about our vision and goals. These may be the goals that drove the task force to say we need to do something together, but then we will come up with other goals, which are the goals of the plan, and the product. We will then prioritize. Even though these are the initial goals for why we set out to do this, these will be refined.

Council member Ms. Senturia stated that we could have focused on a whole range of things. We recognized overlapping needs in recreational programming facilities as just one example of an area we could pick to tackle as the three taxing bodies. We could probably come up with 18 if we brainstormed. She asked why this one and how the group decided on a facilities plan.

Mayor Weiss stated that it was driven by him. To clarify he would not characterize the discussions in the same manner as she has. They have discussed this with Council on a couple occasions. We knew we were just starting the process. The question was whether Council wanted to participate in these discussions along with the Library and Schools. They selected two members of Council to serve as representatives. The primary purpose was to determine whether there was an interest in pursuing discussions. That is really all that has happened up to now. The question was if there is an interest in continuing discussions amongst the three taxing authorities. It was not open-ended or broad based in the sense of others getting into each other's areas of expertise. It was really about the common areas of interest and capital was a logical area where the three taxing authorities overlapped, where we had significant costs going forward, and he believed we could find some significant

potential cost savings if the other two taxing authorities were in agreement. He thought we could have significant potential cost savings down the road by combining usage and financing of some of our capital improvements. It is very premature to really say where this will go and the areas we can find overlapping interest. They did have some conversations that in order to have a robust discussion and make sure there was adequate public vetting of what we are doing is that we needed a third party facilitator. This was discussed at the last Council meeting when we approved allocating the funds to this project. He thought people understood that meant it was leading to further conversations if the other taxing authorities agreed. It wasn't until their last meeting that it made sense to move forward and that this was the right way to approach it.

Council member Ms. Senturia stated that the Library budget is significantly less than the other taxing bodies. She asked why there were equal contributions with the different budgets.

Mayor Weiss stated that this was an initial step and the dollars were not huge for this first phase. The message they were sending by sharing equally meant that we were truly equal partners in this process. We did discuss the fact that down the road when we start looking at facilities and doing inventory that it may make sense to do a different cost allocation when we have multiple facilities and the Library only has two. That will be discussed as we move forward in this process. All three bodies were comfortable sharing these initial costs equally and sending the right signal to the community that we are equally committed to the process.

Council member Ms. Senturia asked about the meetings going forward being public and if any will not be public.

Mayor Weiss stated that there will be planning meetings that will be open to the public as well as public meetings seeking input. They left open the possibility if appropriate whether if dealing with sensitive topics in various forms, they could potentially have an executive session. That will be dealt with on a case by case basis. There is nothing they anticipate currently but did not want to foreclose that if personnel issues, etc. did arise. The intent was to have open meetings. Whether they take public comment at every meeting may not always be the case, but they will be open for people to attend.

Council member Mr. Roeder stated that it is healthy to have this dialogue. To provide more context on why capital, the Schools have about a \$95 million budget, the City has a \$60 million budget, and the Library has about a \$5 million budget or less. That means it takes \$160 million to run Shaker Heights. There has been a desire in the community for a number of years to align where we want to go with how we spend that money. That \$160 million breaks down into capital and operating. One argument was to look at capital and operating together, but that turned out to be too long of a plight, but there was consensus amongst the three groups to look at capital.

Council member Mr. Zimmerman stated that was a useful historical lesson. He remembers some years ago there being some very preliminary discussions and he was skeptical because of the independent taxing bodies with their own visions. It was very difficult to get it off the ground because of that holistically. When you think about it there are all these opportunities for efficiencies when it comes to the use of capital dollars. He sees

this as kind of feasible to see if we can perhaps come up with economies of scale and find efficiencies. It seems like a good use of time and money. The fact that we were not asked to shoulder the lion's share of the load is a good example of good faith with all the taxing bodies.

Council member Mrs. Moore added some historical context. She can remember being part of a joint facilities study under Mayor Rawson. They did not use a facilitator. She was one of the School District representatives at the time. There were good delegates involved in the joint discussion but it got all the way to the end point and it fell apart. In retrospect she believes based on that experience you need a facilitator, because you need an independent entity structuring the discussion. When there are so many ulterior motives it behooves each of us to start this way. We have done it other ways and it has not worked. As far as she is concerned, if this would work the money is very little compared to the net gain. For that reason, she is willing to put out this kind of money in a year when we are making other cuts.

It was moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Mr. Malone, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-06 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Malone, that Ordinance No. 19-06 be enacted as read.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 19-07, by Mrs. Moore, authorizing the application for and acceptance of a grant from the Ohio History Connection Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) Program in the estimated amount of \$19,700 for rehabilitation improvements to Shaker Heights City Hall, 3400 Lee Road, and declaring an emergency.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that the State Historic Preservation Office has \$100,000 made available each year through the Ohio History Connection

Certified Local Government grant program. Only certain communities are eligible for these grants. We have regularly applied for and received these grants. This year we would like to make application for a grant for the City Hall space study. This would be for window restoration in the second floor of the Fire House. City Hall is designated a local landmark as well as part of the National Register of Historic Places. There are 28 historic wood windows, with an estimated cost of \$18,200 to repair. We would add some design costs so the application would be for \$19,700. The 40% match would come from the \$450,000 we would spend on phase one of the project. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules in order to meet the February 5 grant deadline.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Landmark Commission.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Finance and Administration Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-07 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Williams, that Ordinance No. 19-07 be enacted as read.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 19-08, by Ms. Williams, authorizing the application for and acceptance of a grant from the Ohio History Connection Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) Program in the estimated amount of \$16,000 for further rehabilitation improvements to 18520 Winslow Road, and declaring an emergency.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that the State Historic Preservation Office has \$100,000 made available each year through the Ohio History Connection Certified Local Government grant program. This application with the Cleveland Restoration

Society (CRS) is for 18520 Winslow. We received a grant last year from this program in the amount of \$14,255 for rehabilitation work. CRS put in a lot of funds. They have repainted the property, done the masonry repair on the chimney, replaced the roof, restored the front porch, and repaired or replaced windows. They have two remaining items of work: a detached garage, and the driveway. They will request \$16,000 and make the 40% required match. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules in order to meet the February 5 grant deadline.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Landmark Commission. Our Planning Department is well regarded in the State of Ohio. They have been very successful in obtaining these grants every year. We have a very good chance of getting both grants due to the reputation of the Planning Department. We are very fortunate.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Finance and Administration Committee. They noted the disproportionate share of these grant funds that Shaker Heights is receiving. We are very proud of that.

It was moved by Ms. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Malone, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-08 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Motion Carried

Moved by Ms. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Malone, that Ordinance No. 19-08 be enacted as read.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 19-09, by Mr. Malone, authorizing a contract with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP), for the provision of senior financial and housing counseling and education personal services for the period February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in the maximum amount of \$25,000, and declaring an emergency.

Kamla Lewis, Neighborhood Revitalization Director, stated that this item authorizes a contract with the non-profit Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP). They would provide services to our seniors, a very important and large segment of our population. It would enable our seniors to age in place with greater economic stability by providing them with services that are aimed at strengthening their finances. In particular this program came out of a desire to provide some assistance to prevent them getting into tax foreclosure. As we reviewed our tax foreclosure information in terms of the number of households and individuals who were tax delinquent we were concerned at the number of seniors that we saw on that list. We wanted to do everything we could to assist these homeowners in making sure that is not where they end up. That led us to ESOP. ESOP operates the only senior property tax and loan program. They have assisted 529 seniors avoid property tax foreclosure. In addition, they offer a number of other services. They found that the needs of seniors are not one dimensional. We offer a number of other services to our seniors. The idea is to coordinate work with seniors through the other departments for marketing this program as well as referrals to the program. The departments are very supportive of us having this additional service. It is often very frustrating trying to work with this population when we don't have all the skills in house that are needed. Many of you may know ESOP from their work of fighting predatory lending for 25 years. As the housing crisis slowed down they have reinvented themselves and focus on this area of seniors where there is a need. In 2017 they merged with the Benjamin Rose Institute of Aging and are located in that same building. Through this contract they would provide regular office hours and take appointments in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building to make themselves very accessible to our seniors and provide one-on-one meetings. Some of the seniors are very low income and they have been able to increase their credit score by an average of 27 points, decrease their debt by an average of 20%, and decrease monthly expenses on average by 22%, while managing to save some funds on average of \$244. The funds for this program are already appropriated in the Neighborhood Revitalization Department budget. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules in order to start the program in February if approved.

Council member Ms. Williams stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Neighborhood Revitalization and Development Committee. The executive director of ESOP and several staff members gave a presentation. It is a relatively small amount that we are investing into this program and the results are outstanding. ESOP relayed some personal stories of how they helped individuals achieve financial stability in tough circumstances. Committee members were impressed by the number of residents already using some of their services at Benjamin Rose so we know there is a need. It will be even better to have those services in house. We are very excited.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Finance and Administration Committee. He commended Director Lewis for putting this together. This is a relatively small amount being invested. He believes the City will see a return of the \$25,000 investment by this time next year in terms of delinquent taxes. It is not only the right thing to do to help a vulnerable population but it will also help the City's finances in the long term.

It was moved by Mr. Malone, and seconded by Ms. Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-09 be placed upon its final enactment.

contributions until they can be distributed. Any forfeited amounts would still be available for wellness activities as in the past. Medical Mutual has returned a \$25,000 surplus for forfeited amounts that have occurred since the inception of the plan. We can use that money to start this fund. Medical Mutual has also sent \$4,700 for the 2017 forfeitures. It is requested to appropriate these funds into the Human Resources Department wellness account to be used for various employee wellness activities. It is also requested to approve the establishment of this agency fund to accommodate this change by Medical Mutual. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules as these changes took effect January 1, 2019.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and supported by the Finance and Administration Committee. An agency fund holds other people's money for an agreed purpose in trust as a fiduciary. He requested that at some point Council and the Finance and Administration Committee be given an in-depth look at the agency funds that the City has and the purpose for all of them. There are quite a few and he would like to understand why we have some of them and whether any of them have out served their purpose.

It was moved by Ms. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Malone, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 19-11 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Motion Carried

Moved by Ms. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Malone, that Ordinance No. 19-11 be enacted as read.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore Mr. Roeder, Mrs. Senturia Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
	Nays:	None

Ordinance Enacted

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