



**Council Minutes
Via Teleconference Due to
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
April 27, 2020**

The Council of the City of Shaker Heights met in a regular session at 7:32 p.m., Mayor David E. Weiss presiding.

Council Members Present: Ms. Anne Williams
Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams
Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone
Mrs. Moore
Mr. Roeder

Council Members Absent: None

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Audio of this meeting may be found [here](#) through July 27, 2020.

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Mayor Weiss stated that this evening’s meeting as the last several we have had is truly unprecedented as the participants and the public alike are all attending this meeting remotely due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency as declared by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of Ohio, including the stay at home order issued on March 22, 2020 by the Ohio Director of Health. This Council meeting is being conducted with special procedures. It is being conducted remotely by conference call with a listen only call in line for the public and a participant line for Council members, staff and anyone needing to make a presentation or answer Council’s questions. If any Council member or staff member participating in tonight’s meeting leaves the meeting temporarily for any reason, please text Chief Administrative Officer Jeri E. Chaikin when they leave and return. If you are on the participant line please mute your phone until you speak to avoid any background noise. When participants do speak he asked they state their name each time, and speak slowly and clearly. The agenda and materials for this meeting can be found on the City’s website at www.shakeronline.com. The public was given an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions in advance of the meeting and we will read those into the record during the course of the meeting. If you have questions that arise during the meeting, please send them to CAO Chaikin at jeri.chaikin@shakeronline.com and we will answer them as soon as possible after the meeting. Her phone number and email are also listed at the bottom of the agenda. He will depart slightly from the normal routine with a few opening remarks on some recent developments and then begin with the approval of the minutes from prior meetings. He will then ask CAO Chaikin to read into the record any comments or questions received in advance concerning any agenda items. He will then announce each item. For each item, he will ask appropriate staff members to make a presentation and he will ask

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Council if they have any questions or comments sequentially in the order of the roll. If Council members have questions for staff members he will ask the staff member to respond. Once Council has fully discussed the item, he will call for a motion and a second and take action by voting on that matter. After all agenda items have been addressed CAO Chaikin will read into the record any comments or questions submitted by the public in advance of the meeting on any other issues not on the agenda. Typically we do not answer questions during the meeting, although if there are ready answers we will endeavor to do so tonight and if not then we will respond to questions raised as soon as possible after the meeting.

Mayor Weiss stated that he was asked by Council members and a few residents to touch on some topics that he covered in his video updates over the past two weeks in more detail and also speak briefly about developments from today. He did not want to pass up this opportunity to say thank you to Council, the Management Team, staff and residents for all the incredible hard work, determination and perseverance they have shown since the beginning of this state of emergency. From Council to the Management Team and staff, they have been nimble, flexible, patient and exceedingly professional in handling a truly unprecedented set of circumstances. He is honored, proud and privileged to serve with all of them. He recognizes this is a very challenging time for many residents personally, professionally, financially, as well as the stress and strain this puts on their health and wellbeing. As Shaker has done so many times in the past when we have faced adversity our residents have stepped up and complied exceedingly well with the stay at home order and all of the protocols, particularly social distancing that are recommended by the governor. It is not very often that we can say that our actions as residents save lives, but in this case it is in fact the truth. We look at those numbers every day and see the flattening of the curve in Ohio and how exceedingly well we have done, especially in comparison to many other places around the nation. We truly have flattened that curve, saved lives, and in fact put ourselves in a position to actually try to reopen our economy and our communities.

Mayor Weiss stated that while we have done exceedingly well in battling the COVID-19 pandemic, the reality is it has taken a toll already not only in the health and wellbeing of many lives in our state, but also a tremendous financial impact and impact on the state, the county and municipalities around the state. Shaker Heights is no exception. We are financially conservative and a particularly well run community with a history of that over many, many years and so we are in a good position to weather the storm, except this is significant, and more than a storm, a tsunami. We are not exempt from the financial impacts of a number of factors including the delays in people paying their taxes as permitted by law but not until in many cases the summer, and people who have had reduced incomes or lost income completely. These will have significant impacts on our budget. What the Administration and Council have jointly been doing is looking at our budget and have a number of different scenarios progressively more impacted by the pandemic, looking line by line at every revenue source to analyze the impact the pandemic will have and the overall negative impact it will have on our budget depending on which scenario comes to pass. We are challenged with two aspects of the loss of revenue. The one is the actual loss and then we also have a timing factor with the receipt of some revenues further down the road than we would otherwise. We also have a number of unknowns, stimulus and based on the other funds that we may have access to, federal, state and county but for which we do not know exact numbers at this point. We have a number of variables, but we are working through and attempting to quantify and address the overall budget based on both those certainties and uncertainties. On the expense side we are doing much the same thing looking line by line, department by department, at ways that essentially we can delay, alter, change or in some cases eliminate expenses in amounts that would track our loss or projected loss of revenue under each of the three scenarios. We have had some conversations with Council on the revenue side and will be moving very shortly on the expense side. Mayor Weiss would like the residents to know and take comfort in the fact that we are spending a tremendous amount of time looking at our budget both on the

revenue and expense side and will continue to take appropriate actions to reflect the environment in which we find ourselves. The one nice thing about a conservatively run government is that we do anticipate unforeseen events, nothing quite like this, but we do plan for this and put the plans in place. We triggered them and will move forward on that basis.

Mayor Weiss stated that we have been receiving many questions from the public about the summer as the weather starts to warm up, what might happen with the potential opening of Thornton Park pool, camps, and other recreation programs as well as other community events. We also continue to look very closely at these and are trying to make predictions on the best information that we have available to us. As we previously announced we have cancelled all events through the end of May and we indicated in the first week or so of May we would revisit the balance of the summer or at least the next several months and try to come up with some determinations on how to proceed for the summer. We were in fact partly waiting for the governor's press conference today which Mayor Weiss stated he will touch on next although this press conference did not deal with these issues specifically. We continue to look obviously trying to balance first and foremost the health, safety and wellbeing of our community. While we certainly have flattened the curve and made significant strides in battling the Coronavirus, the reality is many, many people are still being infected and ill, and in some cases dying. As a result we are very careful and reluctant to move forward too quickly. We are still analyzing things like recreation programs and the pool in particular, as well as block parties for the summer. We will be announcing something relatively soon but we appreciate your patience and understanding. This situation evolves rapidly and on a daily basis so we are trying to make the best judgment and decisions we can make based on the information we have trying to take into account many factors including the lead time for instance to have the pool become operational, and confirmation of availability of staff just to name a few of the variables. We will announce something shortly on that front.

Mayor Weiss stated that the last preliminary measure he wanted to mention is that today the governor as he has done almost daily over the last several months held a press conference and the focus today was the release of his first phase of the potential reopening of the State of Ohio in light of the progress that we have made. The governor noted in general comments the limited potential opening of certain businesses for the next couple weeks into May, being certain medical, primarily outpatient procedures with no overnight medical procedures in our hospitals, along with veterinary and dentist offices as of May 1. As of May 4 the potential to open certain manufacturing, construction and distribution businesses as well as general offices. Beginning May 12 the potential to open consumer retail and service businesses. Mayor Weiss stated this is the first time the governor has laid out this preliminary plan available on the website: www.coronavirus.ohio.gov where you can get a lot more information. We will also be providing more detailed information. Mayor Weiss has mentioned a couple times over the last several weeks as we knew this reopening was on the horizon that we were going to be very thoughtful and judicious about how we were going to proceed both as a City government and our community. We are going to take a slow and steady approach with the first and foremost priority of making sure of the health and wellbeing of our residents, particularly those at higher risk. We did all we could to ensure their safety and wellbeing and we will continue to do that. He also wanted to emphasize a couple items from the governor's statements today, that is, the dates he mentioned and the businesses are permissive dates, meaning businesses are not required to open, but they may open if they are ready and able to comply with all of the requirements and guidelines the governor outlined. Mayor Weiss wanted to be very clear that as our businesses and our community open it will be imperative that they only open when and if they are ready to have all of the precautions and safety measures in place so that we can continue to make progress in our battle with the Coronavirus. The governor has mentioned that they will be tracking all of the numbers, hospitalizations, infections, etc., very closely to ensure that nothing in this process has a negative impact

for all of us and particularly in Shaker Heights which we know is a very bike friendly community and we want to make it even more so.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams stated that she supports this item.

Council member Ms. Carmella Williams stated that she supports this item and enjoys bike riding.

Council member Mr. Earl Williams stated that he supports this item.

Council member Mr. Roeder stated that he enjoys riding his bike around Shaker, looks forward to seeing more people out there and supports this item.

Mayor Weiss stated that he got out for the first time last weekend on his bike and thoroughly enjoyed it.

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 Resolution No. 20-30 be placed upon its final enactment.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Zimmerman, and seconded by Mrs. Moore, that Resolution No. 20-30 be enacted as read.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder |
| | Nays: | None |

Resolution Adopted

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Ordinance No. 20-31, by Mrs. Moore, authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the State of Ohio Safety Grant program for improvements to the Warrensville-Shaker intersection, and declaring an emergency.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that is a request to accept a grant received from the State of Ohio Safety Grant program for improvements to the Warrensville-Shaker intersection. This project will make infrastructure changes both eastbound and westbound to increase pedestrian safety and to improve vehicle flow. Proposed changes include safety for all users by reducing pedestrian crossing distance and improving the geometry of the intersection. This intersection westbound will go from a 7-leg intersection to 5-leg intersection, and eastbound from a 6-leg intersection to a 5-leg intersection. It will narrow Warrensville Center Road to remove unneeded turn lanes, tighten the curb radii, add pedestrian refuge islands, and install new pedestrian crosswalks and signals. The City submitted the grant

to the State of Ohio on March 16, 2020 and the application was successful with an award of \$374,000 to the City on March 30, 2020. This grant does supplement a \$200,000 NOACA grant received in 2019, and \$173,000 from the City's capital fund of which \$120,000 is for engineering and inspection services. An estimated preliminary budget for construction was \$539,000. With this grant we now have a construction budget of \$627,000. This request is to accept a grant. The total grant is for \$374,000 for the construction of the intersection improvements. Shaker Heights will be reimbursed for this entire amount. This does not require a grant match at all. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) told us earlier there was a grant match. We did not think that was correct and we were upheld with no match requirement. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules in order to meet ODOT's deadlines.

Mayor Weiss stated that obviously part of these proposed improvements to this intersection we have been working on for quite some time and have had and will continue to have a tremendous amount of outreach to the community about a wide range of issues, topics and concerns. We recognized as the process went along that the cost and improvements we wanted to make were going to require more funding if we were to make this project successful in the way we anticipated and hoped so Director Braverman and her team applied for this grant that came up on short notice and as often is the case with much of our staff we were successful in receiving this award for \$374,000. Obviously it was a key component for us to keep this project on track even as we still continue our work on it and outreach to the community. This is money with no match for a very challenging intersection.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams offered her congratulations on this grant award and looks forward to this project moving ahead.

Mr. Earl Williams asked about the RTA bus shelter on the bridge on the west side of Warrensville going southbound and wonders if RTA has any plans to move that shelter. He was asked by a resident if there would still be an opportunity to board the bus after the RTA line below deck arrives and people change public transportation and go north and south. He asked if part of this grant will speak to any issues associated with that bus shelter.

Director Braverman explained that is not part of the grant. The bus shelter will remain and patrons will still be able to board the bus at that location.

Council member Mr. Malone applauded the great work by Director Braverman in the middle of the pandemic to get this grant from the State of Ohio.

Council member Mrs. Moore asked when the construction will be scheduled, and the total time for the construction.

Director Braverman stated that it will be scheduled to start in January 2021. The project will be combined with the Warrensville Center Road resurfacing. Instead of having two projects at two different times, Public Works and Planning decided they could combine these and there will be less disruption for the neighbors. They will both be bid around November/December 2020 and start construction January or March of 2021. The intersection will have about three months of construction and then go right into resurfacing.

Council member Mr. Roeder echoed the comments of congratulations to Director Braverman and her team on receiving this very significant grant and connecting it to the bike resolution that was adopted.

This will be safer for cars and pedestrians, and in particular what some of them are looking for is biking westbound on Shaker Boulevard which can be tricky not knowing if cars will continue going on to Shaker or go on to South Park. Although we don't have the final designs and there will be a lot of communication and continued dialogue with the community as we finalize those designs there is a belief that it will make it safer for biking traffic as well.

Council member Mr. Zimmerman asked what planning has already been done or will be done to handle the disruption to make it as minimal as possible because this is a heavily travelled thoroughfare.

Director Braverman stated that as part of the construction set of plans there is a maintenance of traffic plan that talks about what lanes will be closed and open. There will be one lane of each road open at all times. This is two different intersections so we will be working at one intersection at a time so they will not be going on at the same time. They will be phased and of course we will have proper signage and flaggers.

Mayor Weiss added that there is a lot of work going on in this general area over the next several years along Warrensville. The ability to combine this section of the resurfacing with this intersection will absolutely help minimize that disruption. We will also be saving some dollars by coordinating these two projects together. It seems a lot of things have come together at the right time being able to save dollars, the additional grant, and combined construction of these two pieces of work at the same time. It seems the stars have aligned very well.

It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 20-31 be placed upon its final enactment.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

Moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that Ordinance No. 20-31 be enacted as read.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder |
| | Nays: | None |

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 20-32, by Mr. Roeder, amending Ordinance No. 18-119 and Ordinance No. 19-60, an ordinance appropriating funds from the General Capital Fund 0401 to provide for the purchase of equipment for use by the Police Department and to appropriate funds from the

State of Ohio State Safety grant for improvements at the Warrensville–Shaker intersection and to appropriate funds from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for the 2020 Municipal (CDBG) grant and the 2020 Supplemental (CDSG) grant for the Chagrin-Lynnfield intersection improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that this item requests an appropriation of funds from three grants: the Warrensville/Shaker Safety Grant for \$374,000 as previously discussed; a County supplemental grant for Chagrin/Lynnfield for \$50,000; and a Community Development Block Grant for Chagrin/Lynnfield for \$150,000. This project will install enhancements at that intersection to improve the ease of crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists. The heavy volume of traffic on Chagrin, about 15000 cars/day, makes crossing the street difficult without a cross walk. We are going to look at a variety of enhancements when we get to design which may include mid-block cross walks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, high visibility signage and pavement markings, and actuated pedestrian signals. Council did authorize the Planning Department to apply for both of these grants in October and were reviewed by the Safety and Public Works Committee and Finance Committee. Both applications were successful. The total estimated cost for the construction of the project is \$230,000. In addition to the grant awards the City already has \$30,000 allocated for this project in the 2019 capital budget. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules so design work may begin on the project, especially Chagrin/Lynnfield.

Finance Director John Potts stated that Council should have received an amended ordinance with a date change in Section 1. to reflect December 31, 2020.

Mayor Weiss stated that again this is good news with dollars coming into our community for needed improvements.

Council member Mrs. Moore asked about a public process to the Chagrin/Lynnfield proposed changes at some point.

Director Braverman stated that there will be a public process. It may start virtually. They have been talking with some of the consultants who are likely bidders for this project and what the options are for virtual discussions.

Council member Mr. Roeder thanked Mayor Weiss and the Administration for allocating these funds to the Chagrin/Lynnfield intersection. He knows this has been some years in the making. Council has worked on this and residents in the area are keen on having that particular intersection improved and made safer.

Mayor Weiss stated that we are happy to have these additional funds. It will give us a little more flexibility than what they had originally proposed from the City only and give us flexibility and optionality on what those improvements can end up being. Again hats off to Director Braverman and her team.

It was moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 20-32 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that Ordinance No. 20-32 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 20-33, by Mrs. Moore, authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Ohio History Connection Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) Program in the amount of \$25,000 for the restoration of 26 original wood windows and 2 doors at Shaker Heights City Hall, 3400 Lee Road, and declaring an emergency.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that this request is to accept a grant from the Ohio History Connection Certified Local Government Grant program for the restoration of windows and doors at City Hall. We applied for this grant a year ago and was not awarded but in February we submitted a grant application to restore these windows and doors. The windows have deteriorated significantly and several are inoperable due to the damage or the age. This application was successful and we were awarded \$25,000. This restoration work will supplement the overall renovation of the second floor of the fire house as part of the ongoing City Hall space plan project. This grant does require a 40% match which will be allocated from the project budget already appropriated in the capital fund for City Hall renovations. This item is requested as an emergency and with a suspension of the rules as we begin the next steps for the project.

Mayor Weiss stated that these projects in our historic buildings always surprise us and the renovations are often costly. In this case we have been able to at least offset that with this \$25,000 grant and be able to retain the existing windows and two doors.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that it is wonderful to have these funds and be able to preserve the windows at City Hall as a landmark building. Otherwise we would get approximations which are very expensive and this is not only cost effective but somebody else is paying the freight.

It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 20-33 be placed upon its final enactment.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 20-33 be enacted as read.

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

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 20-34, by Ms. Carmella Williams, amending Ordinance No. 17-132, Ordinance No. 18-37, Ordinance No. 18-123, and Ordinance No. 19-124 appropriating funds from the General Capital Fund 0401 for the acquisition of equipment and various repairs and improvement projects for various City facilities by appropriating an additional \$25,000 for City Hall Renovation, and declaring an emergency.

Joyce Braverman, Director of Planning, stated that this item requests the appropriation of the funds for the renovation of the windows and doors at City Hall.

It was moved by Ms. Carmella Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 20-34 be placed upon its final enactment.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ms. Carmella Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 20-34 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 20-35, by Ms. Anne Williams, authorizing a contract with ms Consultants in the total not to exceed amount of \$104,826 for professional design and related personal services for the resurfacing of Warrensville Center Road and coordination of the Warrensville Center Road/Shaker Boulevard intersection reconfiguration projects, and declaring an emergency.

Public Works Director Patricia Speese stated that last year Council approved the funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the resurfacing of Warrensville Center Road and in part of this year's budget we set aside \$500,000 of our \$1 million match. What we did next was to pursue proposals for the design of the Warrensville Center Road resurfacing. The project estimate is about \$2,125,000 and our portion is estimated to be \$1,000,000. We solicited proposals and ms Consultants was determined to be the best proposal submitted. We liked everything they had in their proposal and the consultant is a former director from ODOT with extensive road resurfacing knowledge and experience. That was a double bonus. While in this process we reached out to ODOT to see if they would allow us to combine the resurfacing and reconfiguration project together and they said they would. The reason is that it will save dollars and we can run the project at one time. We will get a much better project in the end. Once that was determined there was some coordination that will be needed although the reconfiguration project has already been designed, along with some tweaking of certain areas of plans. We asked ms Consultants to give us a new proposal keeping in mind they would have to combine the two projects as one. Their new cost proposal was \$104,826 from their original \$97,544. We really like this proposal. They were interviewed and met all of our criteria, they did the Huntington Road waterline project and we were very comfortable asking Council to award this contract to ms Consultants for the design of Warrensville Center Road. In about a month there will be another proposal for Warrensville Center Road to combine with this project with the permission of ODOT. That involves resurfacing of Northwood south to the corporate line. By combining that project with these two projects with the savings we won't be requesting additional funding for that final portion. It will be an amendment to this contract but we really need to get the design going. We are bringing this part to Council now to get the lion's share of the project under contract and get the design started.

Council member Mr. Roeder thanked Director Speese for having the foresight to combine these. It makes a lot of sense and he appreciates it.

It was moved by Ms. Anne Williams, and seconded by Mr. Earl Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 20-35 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Ms. Anne Williams, and seconded by Mr. Earl Williams, that Ordinance No. 20-35 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Resolution No. 20-36, by Mr. Earl Williams, declaring it necessary to light the streets of the City during the years 2021 and 2022, and providing for the assessment of a portion of the expense thereof, and declaring an emergency.

Public Works Director Patricia Speese stated that we engage in this process every several years for the street lighting assessment. This is the first step with a resolution of necessity. The street lighting assessment is based on your front footage at \$.88/foot which shows up on the resident tax bill. That provides lighting for the safety throughout the entire City. This renewal is for a two-year period. The next process is to publish the notice for residents to have an opportunity to file an appeal. Once that is done it will come back to Council in August for the final approval of the street lighting assessment. The City has been supplementing the street lighting fund in the amount of approximately \$265,000. We are keeping this rate because the sustainability coordinator is working on several possibilities and we are not sure where we will end up financially so we wanted to let that process play out and then see where we are. It must be sent to the County by the second Tuesday of September in order to appear on residents' tax bills.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that he supports keeping the same rate and asked about the breakdown of the costs.

Director Speese stated that when you levy an assessment on a property tax the City must contribute 2%. In this case that is \$12,000. The current cost for the street lights is around \$800,000 but we only raise about \$562,000 with this assessment. That is why it is supplemented to cover all of our costs. In a perfect world we would only have to contribute \$12,000.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that in the long run she thinks this is unsustainable. It is wise of us to only approve this for two years because a \$265,000 subsidy from the General Fund when we are going to be facing major delays, if not reductions, in revenue because of the COVID-19 pandemic effect. She feels very worried about that.

Mayor Weiss stated that he agrees. That is why we hope we can make some progress through our sustainability efforts to help minimize that or at least reduce that subsidy eventually.

It was moved by Mr. Earl Williams, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Resolution No. 20-36 be placed upon its final enactment.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Earl Williams, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that Resolution No. 20-36 be enacted as read.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder |
| | Nays: | None |

Resolution Adopted

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Ordinance No. 20-37, by Mr. Earl Williams, authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in order to implement the Guard Rail Replacement Project at Warrensville Center Road and Shaker Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Public Works Director Patricia Speese stated that we were notified earlier this year by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) that they would be performing this project and requested approval for Warrensville Center Road. Initially she thought this would be redundant since the County will be replacing the bridge and we did not want to waste the cost to do this when the County would rip it out in two years to replace everything on the bridge. We notified ODOT about this and for safety reasons they will run the entire project and hopefully part of this can be salvaged when the County does come in. They do want to proceed with it now. The areas they are talking about are more like the wings off the bridge and more for an impact of cars to make the safety improvements. They will run the project, keep us notified and obviously discuss any internal issues relative to Shaker Heights. There is no cost to the City.

It was moved by Mr. Earl Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 20-37 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Earl Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 20-37 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 20-38, by Mr. Roeder, authorizing the execution of Then and Now Certificates by the Director of Finance and the payment of amounts due for various purchase orders, and declaring an emergency.

Finance Director John Potts stated that there are six items requiring Then and Now Certificates for this reporting period.

It was moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Mrs. Moore, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 20-38 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Mrs. Moore, that Ordinance No. 20-38 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Malone, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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The Mayor asked the Clerk of Council to read into the record public comments received on other items.

CAO Chaikin stated that no comments were received on other items by email or phone.

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Council member Ms. Anne Williams stated that she has heard from residents that really appreciates the information the Mayor is getting out to the public in his weekly reports and videos. That is very helpful. People have been asking for more information and she has been directing them to the good information on the website but as we are moving towards reopening and budgetary issues, people may want to interact and we may want to consider tele Council where they can interact, get information and have dialogue. She feels like people want to engage other than on social media.

Mayor Weiss stated he appreciates the feedback. We can certainly do something like that. We will try to make that happen. Certainly within the next 30 days we will be having conversations and taking some proposed action.

Council member Mr. Earl Williams as chair of the Recreation Committee received a couple questions from residents about pool closures in the region for the entire season. He asked the Mayor to continue his quality communications and in particular address whether or not we will be providing a swimming opportunity.

Mayor Weiss stated that he had heard about some communities closing obviously for the health and safety first and then issues relating to the time it takes to prepare a pool for use. Then there are other issues like staffing. Those are all issues we are weighing along with a number of other communities. It is a challenge. He knows it is important to the community and people have come to enjoy and look forward to all year long. It is a difficult decision. At this point we have not made a decision one way or the other, but recognize it will be a tough recommendation to make. We are having conversations at a wide range of levels with various experts. He is in conversation with a number of mayors on the east side to weigh the pros and cons of this issue. A lot of attention is being focused and rest assured no decision will come lightly. It will be with a lot of thought because we know how important it is to people.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that she thinks right now all of us are tired of getting sound bites from every direction, whether social media or any form of communication. She really thinks the tele Town Hall is a great idea because so many people send her emails with questions. It is difficult to trade enough emails to get substantive answers. The feeling of disconnect is everywhere. She thinks a tele Town Hall would be a really great means of reconnecting people and the dialogue is a thoughtful and controlled one. As much as the Mayor has done to keep the word coming about every stage of our preparation for the pandemic she thinks it would be even more important facing the summer and a number of other issues that we communicate about that in a more substantive way.

Mayor Weiss thanked her for the feedback.

Council member Mrs. Carmella Williams stated that she was asked about getting out medical information and social distancing tips from the medical community. She agrees with the tele Town Hall, but she

suggests a Facebook live discussion to tap into resources within the community from the medical community that can answer questions and highlight specific things for folks that are not just healthcare professionals still out on the front lines everyday but other members of the community that aren't in positions where they are able to work from home but are still reporting for work.

Mayor Weiss stated these are all good suggestions and there are different ways to do these distance communications making sure enough people have access so we will look into it. He thanked everyone for their professionalism and flexibility in this process.

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There being no further business before Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

DAVID E. WEISS, Mayor

JERI E. CHAIKIN, Clerk of Council