REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 7:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Fodor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Council convened for a regular meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Nick Augustine, Jim Fodor, Paul Hach, Mario Rodriguez and Christine Shoop were present. Lori DiNallo was not able to attend.

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to excuse Lori DiNallo from tonight's meeting, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Assistant Law Director Joe Gurley, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett, City Engineer Leanne Exum, Senior Engineer Robert Vargo, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Human Resources Director Kris Young, Water Pollution Control Superintendent Kevin Aiken, Electric Superintendent Joe Price, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Augustine moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Paul Hach.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 01.27.25, Special Meeting-Executive Session 02.03.25, and Regular Meeting 02.03.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 27, 2025.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 27, 2025, seconded by Mr. Abney. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session on February 3, 2025.

Mr. Augustine moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting-Executive Session on February 3, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 3, 2025.

Mr. Augustine moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 3, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: John F. Clair Award

Economic Development Director Susan Crotty announced and presented the 2025 John F. Clair Award winner. The family of John F. Clair also assisted with the presentation. Congratulations to Tony Brooks, owner of TERKK's Computer Services, LLC for his long-time business commitment and volunteerism in the Painesville community. This award is given to a Painesville City business who demonstrates the value of balancing business and community service, and shows a commitment to the growth of the Painesville community. Mr. Brooks was also presented with a proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Submitted February 9, 2025: Caitlin Denbow, of Concord, wished to address Council but did not attend the meeting. She wrote the following: *Supporting small businesses over chain restaurants. I encourage city council to support local, family owned restaurants and shops over more fast food & chains - they contribute much more to our community because they genuinely care about it, while creating higher paying jobs.*

COMMITTEE REPORT: Economic Development Committee, Planning Commission, Utility Committee

Economic Development Committee

Mr. Abney gave a report for this committee which was held on January 31, 2025. The following items were discussed: Mr. Lewis and Ms. Crotty provided members with an update on the progress of development projects that are underway. Notably, Crowley's is anticipating completion by mid-March 2025, Wingstop estimates completion by early April, TownePlace Suites expects to be completed in July, Jimmy John's is expected to open by May. Renew Partners anticipates construction on Vic Place beginning in March/April, and it will take two years to fully complete, but construction may be phased.

Planning Commission

Mr. Lewis gave a report for this committee which was held on February 13, 2025. The following items were discussed: Alaija Williams, Owner of LayR Event Center at 113 Main Street. The City of Painesville has received an application from Alaija Williams requesting a modification to her Conditional Use Permit. She is requesting to extend her businesses hours of operation on weekends from 10 am to 11 pm, to 10 am to 1 am. This is also a request for the annual review of the applicants Conditional Use Permit which otherwise is scheduled to be April 2025. By a vote of 5-0 the modification requests to the CUP's were approved.

Utility Committee

Electric Superintendent Joe Price gave an update. He reported dates for a Utility Committee meeting have been submitted for March. He gave a general update regarding the solar and battery project. The City received recommendations from the Capacity Report to increase battery size and decrease solar size. This would create a better balance on the solar and battery capacity and less land usage. The City would benefit better in the winter with the capacity shift. The report will be brought forth to Council in a presentation, at a future date, when the federal government works out the funding freeze. The City is prepared to move forward and is optimistic about the project once the federal funding is resolved.

An individual, attending, became upset after misunderstanding council's procedure regarding speaking during the public comments session and speaking during the legislation session.

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 ORDINANCE

3rd Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 937.57(a) of the Code of Ordinances relating to Sewer Rates, and declaring an emergency. *(1st Reading 01.27.25, 2nd Reading 02.03.25)

Water Pollution Control Superintendent Kevin Aiken spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is the third reading on proposed sewer rates increases which would be an overall increase of 10% in 2025, 10% in 2026, 5% in 2027, 5% in 2028, and 5% in 2029.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 04-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE

3rd Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 933.19 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Water Service Rates, and declaring an emergency. *(1st Reading 01.27.25, 2nd Reading 02.03.25)

City Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the Water Department had Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) perform a rate study as part of an ongoing effort to be an efficient and healthy utility. UFS was asked to review rates and ensure the water utility is cost-effective moving forward. The proposed changes were reviewed and covered at the December 16, 2024 City Council meeting. The UFS study determined that the water utility was in a good position, and UFS recommended that the Council approve an overall increase of 0% in 2025, 0% in 2026, 5% in 2027, 5% in 2028, and 5% in 2029.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 05-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #3 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance to approve and adopt the 2025 Codified Ordinances including new matter contained therein, and declaring an emergency.**

Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated the Codified Ordinances have been reviewed and approved by Department Heads and are ready to be added to the City Code. The City contracts with the American Legal Publishing Corporation to prepare and publish ordinances that have been revised, remodified, rearranged and consolidated, and any new matters which have been adopted. The items listed in the ordinance have been passed by Council from June 20, 2024 to January 6, 2025. The cost associated with this is budgeted in Council's budget under the Code Service. It is being requested to waive 1st and 2nd reading so the online City Code can be updated.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Augustine.
On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hach.
On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.
ORDINANCE 06-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #4 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending appropriations and to authorize additional inter-fund transfers and advances for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Painesville, State of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and adopting the operating budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the first part is the City accepted and Council approved the Ohio EPA Asset Management Grant for $15,000.00; this grant award is not in the 2025 budget. The City is asking Council to adjust the 2025 budget: Fund 289 Grant Revenue of $15,000.00, and Fund 289 Grant Expenditures of $15,000.00. The City is also asking Council to approve a transfer from the current state grant fund appropriation to the Ohio EPA Asset Management State Grant: A Transfer from State Grant Fund Appropriation of (-) $15,000.00, and Transfer to Ohio EPA Asset Management Grant of (+) $15,000.00. Council previously established the Senior Citizens Services Fund #203 and the $25,000 advance from the General Fund; the Senior Citizens Services Fund is not in the 2025 budget. The City is asking Council to adjust the 2025 budget to account for the financial activities: Fund 203 Fund Revenue $25,000.00, and Fund 203 Fund Expenditures $25,000.00 Council previously established the Land Acquisition Fund #401 and the $1,000,000.00 advance from the General Fund; the Land Acquisition Fund is not in the 2025 budget. The City is asking Council to adjust the 2025 budget to account for the financial activities: Fund 203 Fund Revenue $1,000,000.00, and Fund 203 Fund Expenditures $1,000,000.00. Council will still need to approve funds being used out of the Land Acquisition Fund.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Hach.
On roll call, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hach.
On roll call, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.
ORDINANCE 07-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #5 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.141 of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan, and declaring an emergency.**

Human Resources Director Kris Young spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated in the past, employees who retired from City service and were later rehired consistently received a 10% reduction in their wages compared to their final salary at the time of retirement, started with no available sick and vacation time and were considered "new employees" for the purpose of qualifying for longevity payments. Prior service with the City was not factored into the eligibility

or calculation of longevity payments and these employees were required to reach 10 years of re-employment before becoming eligible for their first longevity payment. In 2024, the issue of longevity payments for retired rehired employees was raised with City Administration by two retired rehired Police Officers. The language in the City Collective Bargaining Agreements and City Ordinances regarding this matter were noted as being vague, leading to confusion about whether prior service with the City should be considered in the calculation of longevity payments for such employees. City Labor Attorney Jeremy Iosue reviewed the issue. Based on discussions with Mr. Iosue and his recommendation, City Administration believes that current, non-union employees who have retired from City service and were subsequently rehired should be entitled to receive any longevity payments they would have qualified for based on their prior and current service for the years 2023 and 2024. This decision has been made with the intent to promote fairness and consistency for all employees. This legislation addresses the vagueness of the current language and formalizes the intended practice for non-union employees who have retired from the City and rehired. The new language excludes prior City service for these individuals. We believe that these changes ensure consistency in the City's employment practices for non-union employees. This issue will remain for the Collective Bargaining Agreements until this issue can be addressed through the collective bargaining process. These one-time payments to non-union employees will create an additional $48,000 expense (approximately $1,350 to the General Fund) to the City's budget. The City Administration believes these payments are fair and the City can afford them. City administration respectfully requests this legislation be passed on the 1st reading.

Mr. Augustine moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hach moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 08-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #6 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.07 of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan, and declaring an emergency.**

Human Resources Director Kris Young spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated this legislation addresses the reclassification of two positions at the Water Pollution Control Plant and the reclassification of one position at the Water Treatment Plant. These reclassifications were discussed in the budget preparation meetings in 2024. Laboratory/Technical Services Supervisor (WPCP) – reclassification from Grade 16 to Grade 18 as a result of additional skills and duties that have been added to the position. Treatment Plant Maintenance Supervisor (WPCP) – reclassification from Grade 16 to Grade 18 as a result of additional skills and duties that have been added to the position. Water Laboratory Technician – with the reclassification from Grade 11 to Grade 12, there is a position title change for the current Assistant Laboratory Technician, who has no Assistant and oversees the Lab. The position has more responsibilities than the Assistant position and requires licensure through the Ohio EPA at time of appointment. The reclass of the Treatment Plant Maintenance Supervisor will be effective on the employee's anniversary date and was budgeted in the 2025 Budget. The Laboratory/Technical Services Supervisor and Water Laboratory Technician will both have increases in their salary of approximately 5% on their anniversary date. These increases will be paid out of the Utilities funds within their respective departments. City Administration believes these payments are fair and the City can afford them. This legislation can go three readings if City Council so choses.

Mr. Hach moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 08-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM # 7 RESOLUTION

***3rd Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve remaining funding needed to complete AMI deployment including the Master Services**

Agreement and Amendments for participation in the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Program by and between American Municipal Power, Inc. and the City of Painesville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. ***(1st Reading 01.27.25, 2nd Reading 02.03.25)***

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is the ongoing AMI project and 4th amendment needed to complete the project and the funding becoming renewed.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 12-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM # 8 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise and to enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the lowest and best bidder for police patrol car upfitting and outfitting, and declaring an emergency. (*1st Reading 02.03.25)

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is second reading for the police upfitting and outfitting for three new patrol cars. The police department approved $32,520 in levy funds and $65,040 in capital improvement project funds in 2025 to upfit and outfit the patrol vehicles. It was being asked to advertise proposals on upfitting and outfitting and to accept the lowest and best bid.

Mr. Augustine moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 13-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM # 9 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with Flock Safety, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is for the license plate readers cameras from FLOCK Safety. The City Council approved $92,000 for the purchase of license plate reader cameras in the 2025 budget. The Police Department will use the Police Levy funds to pay for the 36-month contact. Due to FLOCK Safety being a proprietary service, the city will not need to put this out to RFP or BID. It was being asked to pass tonight so to enter into the contract with Flock Safety. Lt. Burgett explained how the FLOCK license plate readers will be used to notify the police for stolen cars, warrants, missing juveniles, and Amber alerts and will allow nationwide access to the data. There will be ten license plate readers at strategic locations throughout the city. They are not for red light violations or speeding. Several cities in Lake County use this system.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #10 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his Designee, to obtain quotes for the Police Office Upgrades, and to authorize the purchase of said upgrades from the lowest and best quote, including any and all ensuing change orders, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the Police Department requested that funding be allocated though the Police Levy in the amount of $62,500 to replace their existing equipment and furniture. The majority of office equipment and furniture in the Police Department was from the department renovation in 2001. Many of the desks, chairs, file cabinets and partitions are in poor condition or a state of disrepair. As a result, the Police Department requested that funding be allocated though the Police Levy in the amount of $62,500 to replace their existing equipment and furniture. In the 2025 CIP budget,

the Police Department was approved for $62,500 in Police Levy Funds to complete this project. It was being asked to waive the three separate reading rules so that they can obtain the quotes as soon as possible.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.

On roll call, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 14-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #11 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise and to enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the lowest and best bidder for Police Intersection Crime Camera System Expansion, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is levy funds that were set aside this year, $270,000, to do an expansion of the Painesville Police Intersection Crime Camera System. This is an expansion to include more intersections. This was being asked to advertise and request bids on a camera expansion and to accept the lowest and best bid, and to waive the three readings so that we can apply for, accept, and put the Painesville Crime Camera System Expansion out to request bids as soon as possible. Lt. Burgett stated they have been satisfied with the system, and it has helped in solving several crimes and providing transparency.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 15-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #12 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an Industrial Facility Expansion Agreement with Weaver Meats, Inc. for the purposes of development at 380 Fountain Avenue, and declaring an emergency.**

Economic Development Director Susan Crotty spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated this is to authorize the City Manager to enter into an industrial facility expansion agreement because the City does support industrial/manufacturing activity and expansion which contributes to economic growth in the city. This is for Weaver Meats. They are undertaking a project to construct an 18,500± square foot addition to its facility located at 380 Fountain Avenue (representing an investment of $3,700,000), which is needed for the company to increase production and add to their product lines. The expansion and additional business is expected to result in the creation of a minimum of three new jobs with an associated commitment of $115,000 in payroll within the first year after completion of the project. The company will also retain approximately thirty-one full-time jobs with an associated annual payroll of $1,700,000. This legislation requires no purchasing but the City will be required to meet the obligations established in the agreement. The Agreement outlines the City's obligations needed for the project including assistance with electrical infrastructure as well as a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) property tax abatement on the value of the improvements. The property is located in CRA #1, which is a pre-1994 CRA. The Agreement further includes a commitment by the company to support a TIF. It was requested to be passed by emergency in order to allow the City Manager to enter into the development agreement to bring employment opportunities and desired industrial growth to the City.

Mr. Abney moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 16-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #13 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a Real Estate Purchase Option Agreement to acquire certain real property located in the City Of Painesville, and declaring an emergency.**

Economic Development Director Susan Crotty spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated the Richmond Street Corridor has been the subject of redevelopment and revitalization plans adopted by the City because it has been identified as a gateway corridor into the City of Painesville. It was noted in the 2006 Comprehensive Plan as having the potential, with necessary revitalization, to provide more opportunities for commercial development. Infill development and business attraction are also encouraged in the plan. Residential property located at 413 Chardon Street is being marketed for sale for residential purposes. The property could be used to further the City's goals for economic development since it is located on the Richmond Street corridor. Acquisition of the property would allow the City to manage its future development to be consistent with stated goals in the City's plans. City staff has contacted the owner who is amenable to working with the City on the sale of the property. A draft of the proposed Option Agreement for Purchase of Real Property is attached with the legislation. The Option Agreement is being proposed in order to provide the City the opportunity to complete its due diligence in evaluating the property prior to acquisition. The proposed purchase price is $165,000, with a non-refundable $5,000 option fee that will go toward the purchase price at closing. The City will also be responsible for title costs, some utility fees, and other prorations. The funding will be available through the City's Land Acquisition Fund. Staff recommended that the Option Agreement be passed on its first reading in order to begin the due diligence process and to not extend the amount of time the seller must hold the property off the market.

Mr. Augustine moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 17-25 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Painesville Little League, Noise at Recreation Park

Painesville Little League

Mr. Fodor presented and discussed the following information regarding the Painesville Little League:

1) Diamond #7 / #8 concession stand

a) Building is solely used by the Little League organization
b) Little League keeps all of their equipment in that building year-round. Some of their equipment. Parks and Rec provides Little League with additional storage areas at no cost.
c) The city pays for the building insurance.
d) The Little League gets free water and electric usage (year-round)

The City has established a good partnership with the Little League over the years to provide baseball during the summer.

2) Items done to building

a. complete electric upgrade – paid by Little League/City
b. new roof – paid by City
c. new roof vents – paid by City
d. new water hookups – paid by City
e. new roll cage windows – paid by Little League/City
f. new door – paid by City
g. new exterior lighting – paid by City
h. new security flood lights – paid by city – billed to City
i. exterior pad concrete upgrades – paid by Little League/City
j. painting – paid by City
k. replaced water heater – paid by City

3) Diamond #7 / #8 pavilion
   a) Building was a joint project by the City, Little League, Kohler Family, and administered under an Eagle Scout project.
   b) Building was dedicated in honor of Walt Kohler who was influential with Little League and worked for the City of Painesville Parks Division.
   c) Pavilion is only used by Little League organization and NOT ALLOWED to be rented out by the city.
   d) Electric to pavilion controlled by Little League through the concession stand.
   e) Building of the Pavilion
      a. purchase of actual structure –joint
      b. fabrication of structure (excavation, layout, drilling, footers, concrete pads, poles, beans, roof, electric) – joint

There are more individuals/groups using the park during the day now, and Council has been asked for a possible concession stand in that area. There have been conversations with Little League and the contract was divided into two parts: the field and the other concession. Talks ensued about expanding their time, but personnel may be an issue, and bringing in an outside venue or possibly food trucks. If the park continues to grow, additional concession stands will be needed.

4) Yearly maintenance

a) Dragging of ball fields		
	minor	$3,600
	T- Ball	2,400
b) Lining of Fields		2,540
c) Mowing		1,900
d) Drying material		560
e) Porta Potti		500
f) Water Hookup and Blowing		250
	Total	$11,750

5) Infrastructure Maintenance:
   a) Building repairs (plumbing/electric/carpentry/painting/etc.)
   b) Ball field repairs/maintenance (mound clay/bases/infield mix/pitching rubbers/fencing/irrigation)
   c) Trash/Litter
   d) Restroom cleaning
   e) Turf maintenance (seeding and fertilization)
   f) Exterior Amenities (bleachers, pavilions, picnic tables, scoreboards)

It was recommended that the City goes one more year with the Little League contract and look at food trucks and renovations costs, then have a future meeting with Little League. Discussion ensued about the hours of Little League and outside vendors' availability, and residents' responses. Mr. Lewis asked Council for more clarification regarding setting standards and asked for Council Members to email him expectations of the Little League operating the concession stand and being evaluated on those standards/expectations. There needs to be an open discussion with the City and Little League, and negotiations will need to take place. Mr. Gurley gave a historical account regarding this issue. Council agrees to work with Little League to reach an agreement, and it will need to be approved by Council.

Noise at Recreation Park

Mr. Fodor presented and discussed the following information the noise at Recreation Park: ***** There was a concern by two households that the length of time that the music could be played was increased from 45 minutes to 1 hour before football games. An increase of 15 minutes.

1) Contract
   a) The stadium is currently subleased to Painesville City Local Schools (PCLS) from 3/1/24 to 2/28/27.
   b) They are responsible for the enforcement of the sound regulations

2) Sound System use restrictions

a) According to Dr. Engelhart the school did a sound and lighting check to make sure that the sound system and lighting system did fall within the City's code for decibels and lumens.
b) The digital mixer system will only operate between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:30 pm.
c) The use of the stadium sound system during practice is prohibited.
d) The duration of an event begins sixty (60) minutes before the start of the event (with the exception of sanctioned football games, which may begin ninety (90) minutes before the event) and concludes thirty (30) minutes after the ending of the event.

3) Events that did play music (Data from 2024)
a) LEC - 46 PCLS - 31 Total = 71

b) Due to more than one event being played on a day there was 29 days where music was played. 29 out of 365 = 7.9 percent.

4) Events by months
January - 0; February - 4; March - 10; April - 9; May - 0; June - 0; July - 0; August - 7; September- 24; October - 17; November – 6; December - 0

5) Police – CAD Call for Service
1) Dates 11/04/23 to 11/04/24
2) 7 Complaints
Loud Music: 1 from Stadium, 3 from Pavilion, and 2 from neighborhood
Fireworks: 1 from neighborhood

The data does not suggest that there is an overwhelming amount of noise, or a need to change or amend the contract. Mr. Lewis commented that individuals who have concerns are to contact the school superintendent since they are responsible for overseeing the contract. The schools have been responsive in addressing the residents' concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the length of the contract, any violations the school may have if they are not enforcing the terms of the contract between the schools and the city, subleasing contract between the schools and Lake Erie College, and the emphasis on the sound issues and length of time. This is a contractional issue between the college and the school. Council is not taking any action at this time. This can be addressed further in the next contract.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Assistant Law Director Joe Gurley reminisced about knowing John Clair. He had no further report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: As stated by Electric Superintendent Joe Price, the City of Painesville will continue to monitor the situation with regards to the CPRG Grant and the funding freeze; The City received notification that the Tree Canopy Grant through the State Department of Forestry has been put on hold as well. It was approximately $55,000 to plant additional trees through the community; Administration will be sending out the Feasibility Study for the SR44 Interchange to City Council before submitting it to ODOT and schedule it for discussion; The Finance Department continues to work out issues with Tyler Munis. The City has been working on the implementation for the past 5 years; Congratulated Tony Brooks for receiving the John F. Clair Award and thanked him for his work within the community; 8 North State Street/Grand River Walk: Economic Development is currently working with contacted realtor handling available spaces for both properties. Discussed attraction efforts, will work with them to fill restaurant/office space; The developer of The Tower has been contacted regarding sign removal. Sign was rejected by the State Historic Preservation Office, and they will need to get a different sign that meets all the requirements since they have historic tax credit on the building; Sarah Yeckley began the Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy as a member of the Painesville Police Department. Pending new hires Mario Mazza and Trevor Harris have completed all post-offer conditions. They are scheduled for their swearing-in on February 26th at 10 am. Jose Cruz, an additional hire, may be sworn in on the same date if all post-offer conditions are completed. CSO Nancy Ramirez and Lt. Burgett instructed a non-English traffic safety meeting at HOLA on February 10th. The event was attended by about 120 persons and the feedback was excellent; Staff has been doing a deep clean in Morse Avenue Community Center along with stripping the floors and waxing them.

Working in cemeteries to remove overgrown/dead plant material and getting the areas ready for seeding when the weather warms up; and Summer Camp is available for registrations, and interviewing for Summer Camp Counselors.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM; and 2nd Annual Painesville Safety Town Skate Party will be Wednesday, February 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at City Skate Center. All proceed raised will help fund the 2025 Painesville Safety Town Program.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Rodriguez congratulated Tony Brooks for receiving the John F. Clair Award. He thanked everyone who attended and watched tonight's meeting.

Mr. Augustine thanked and congratulated Tony Brooks, his family, and everybody at TERKK's. He welcomed back Mr. Gurley and thanked him for his words of wisdom.

Mrs. Shoop notified Kris Young she received a phishing email regarding W-2's. She congratulated Tony Brooks, and clarified, for the gentlemen that was filming and left early, that the agenda for the council meeting was posted last Thursday on our website. She thanked everyone who was waiting for the executive session.

Mr. Lewis wanted to cover two more items: One, regarding if he doesn't receive any comments about the Little League. He will talk to staff and get their suggestions on events. He will let Council and the Little League know as well to discuss covering specific events; Two, in regards to the gentleman who attended tonight's meeting. Mr. Lewis believed he was here to talk about a concern where the police department stopped him and another individual for walking in the street even though the sidewalk had been plowed. Mr. Lewis was the one who called it in because he was concerned with their safety. They police department asked the two gentlemen to move onto the sidewalk.

Mr. Hach also congratulated Tony Brooks.

Mr. Abney also congratulated Tony Brooks and thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting. He would like the administration to clarify and address concerns regarding the sidewalk snow plowing program and procedures before the next meeting.

Mr. Fodor had no comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Augustine motioned to move to move into Executive Session being held in accordance with Article II, Section 6(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official of the city; and in accordance with Article II, Section 6(3) to discuss pending or potential litigation involving the City, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried to move into the Executive Session at 8:55 PM.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Abney. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:16 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council