President Russell Sharnsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Roth, here; Mr. Russell T. Sharnsky, here; Mrs. Maria Williams, excused; Mrs. Barbara Potts, here; Mr. Todd Stock, excused; Mr. Philip Brillhart, here; Mr. Michael Detorakis, here; and Mrs. Kathleen Baum, here.

ALSO, PRESENT: Bill Arnold, Building and Zoning Department; Chief Russell Hose, Fire Department; Chief Donald Duman, Police Department; R. Bryan Nace, Law Department; Mark Ludwig and Jacob Kaufman, Finance Department; Ernie Staten, Service Department; Laurie Beisecker, Parks and Recreation Department; and Tonja Caldwell, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Sharnsky—We have a quorum present. We will follow the pre-printed agenda. There are copies available in the back of the room. At this time, I would ask you to please check to make sure your cell phone is placed in silent mode.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sharnsky—Our next item of business is the approval of our regular minutes from January 6, 2020. Everyone has received a copy in draft format. Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes as submitted? Hearing none, would the Clerk please call the roll for approval of the January 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes as submitted?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2020: Williams, excused; Potts, yea; Stock, excused; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea. Five yea, two excused on the approval of the January 6, 2020 minutes.

PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Caldwell—Council received the Mayor’s Court monthly report.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. Sharnsky—I believe Mayor Roth is going to give us the State of the City address this evening.

MAYOR’S REPORT, MAYOR ROTH

Mayor Roth—That’s correct. Mr. President, Council, Cabinet, and those in the audience tonight, as you know by Charter, I am required to give the State of the City report by the second meeting in January of every year. Tonight, I will give you the version that I normally read into the record, which is a lot more facts and figures, and numbers than I normally state in the Chamber’s State of the City report, which happened one week ago.

It is kind of amazing to me how time flies. This is actually my twenty-fifth State of the City address. This is the start of my seventh term. I do not know where the last twenty-two years of my life have gone. It’s gone quick and it’s been very rewarding and very enjoyable working with the Department Heads, residents, and the City itself. This is a great City to be Mayor of. We have hard copies of the Annual Report or you can find them on the City website at www.fairlawn.us. The report should be there within a couple of weeks. Council, your hard copies are before you.
As usual, I start with the financial condition of the City. The financial condition of the City is very sound. It continues to remain very stable. Our overall net income tax revenue was up by 1.9% in 2019 from 2018, and this is in spite of several tax code changes that were made by the State Legislature, which impacted how taxes are collected, and the timing of the taxes. Also, the amounts. For a City, the vast majority of our revenue is dependent on the income tax. Schools rely mainly on property tax, and in Fairlawn we get less than three cents on the dollar for property tax. The income tax is the majority of how we pay our bills and remain solvent. Fairlawn’s share of the JEDD tax was again, over $3 million dollars. It was actually off from 2018, but again, still a very healthy revenue source that we have for the City.

As Council knows, our budget is a very conservative budget. The budgeting process is about a six-month long process. We start after Labor Day. All Department Heads are required to submit a request for capital expenditures and also operating expenses for the upcoming year. I meet individually with the Department Heads and then with the Finance individuals, Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Kaufman. Once we’ve done that, we meet with Council at the Committee of the Whole meetings, which are the off nights from Council meetings. We go through the budgets. By December 31, we have to pass a preliminary budget. The final budget is passed by March 31.

One part of the budgeting process is the General Fund Reserve Balance that cities have to keep. A good way to explain this is, since we rely on income tax, every January 1st, we don’t start with the full amount of money that we collect through the coming year, we use a reserve. The monies are kept in reserve for unexpected operating costs and day-to-day expenses early on. It’s to mitigate unforeseen events. I can give you an example. This year we had an 84” storm sewer line that we had to replace on an emergency basis. That was $1.8 million dollars. We were able to do that and pay cash. We didn’t have to borrow the money. We had sufficient financial reserves to do this. And this is an example of why we keep this type of reserve. The reserve money going into 2020 is 28.7% of the 2019 actual expenditures amount. When you look at this, there is a group of accountants called the Government Finance Officers Association. What they recommend is government should maintain an unrestricted fund balance of no less than 16.7% of operating expenditures. So, we actually exceed this by 12%. Last year it was even higher than that, but as I said, we had the $1.8 million dollars that we advanced. Also, this year, which I will talk about later in my report, we have the Cleveland-Massillon Road Widening Project. We have been advancing monies toward that project and we are being reimbursed by the Federal Government and the State with a certain amount, but again, with advancing these monies our reserve has gone down a bit, but I expect they will fully recover this year. We are in very good shape in spite of that.

Debt repayments, we talked about this before. When we built the new Police Station, remolded City Hall and built the new Service Center, we took out debt to build these buildings and we were paying on a twenty-year debt. Then we refinanced the debt when the interest rates were historically low and were able to save around $600,000.00 interest by refinancing. Our payments at that point were nearing the end of the debt. Our debt payment is now dropped down to $378,600.00 per year. It used to be $681,400.00 a year, but importantly in 2022, this entire debt is paid in full. What that means to the City of Fairlawn is that the only debt that we will have after 2022 is the monies we borrowed for the FairlawnGig. We did that on a thirty-year plan. We can pay that ahead if we choose to, but again, financially there are not many cities that can say they have so little debt.

One thing that we always talk about in the budgeting process, and Council is very aware of this, is healthcare costs for the City. The cost of healthcare for the employees of the City is about 10% of the operating budget. The public sector is very expensive and we formed a Healthcare Committee years ago who is made up of labor representatives in the various unions and bargaining units and non-bargaining units who are not in the union. We meet with them periodically with Insurance Broker, Jeff Brett, who shops the market for us. Public health insurance is different from private. We generally have less selection to choose from. There are more restrictions that we have in with the collective bargaining laws. In addition to that, we have several companies that used to bid and submit proposals for healthcare coverage who refuse to do it anymore with the uncertainty of the times. With all that said, we were able to negotiate a 7.9% increase over last year’s health insurance. We are quite pleased with that as the initial renewals

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were about 28%. I appreciate the work with our labor groups, working with this. I think it shows good stewardship with what we have.

The State Auditor’s annual audit found the City’s financial records to be in good order and gave the City a clean unqualified audit opinion, which is the best report we can get in the State for a government audit. In addition to that, the Auditor of State, who is Keith Faber, has awarded the City of Fairlawn the Auditor of State Award for having filed timely reports without the need of the State Auditor comments or management letters, arising from the annual state audit. It sounds like every city should be able to do that, but statistically, only 5% of the audited entities in the State of Ohio actually get this award. I am very happy with the way we audit our books in our Finance Department. I believe that says a lot for how they work.

Our Police Department dispatch, and this is where all the calls come in; from “I’ve locked my keys in the car” to something more serious, received 44,208 calls for service in 2019. What’s surprising is, in 2018 we had over 66,000 calls. That’s a lot of calls. We really can’t explain what the drop is, but we like to see that drop. Every year it can vary. We are now a part of the countywide CAD System. This is the Computer Aided Dispatch System. This means that every dispatch center in Summit County are now connected by internet and this helps coordinate things like in a mass causality event or other different things. I am proud to say that this was state mandated and we met that mandate. In addition to that, Summit County hired the FairlawnGig to service the countywide CAD system. This is, again, because of our high speed and our reliability. I think that speaks a lot for what we are doing with FairlawnGig.

Traffic enforcement in our City is standard enforcement, as all police do. We also have the STEP Program. If you have a traffic issue in your neighborhood, feel free to call dispatch, call the Police Chief or myself, or your Councilperson and we will pass your request along and we will assign a patrol car to the area with the traffic complaint. That’s called the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program. My favorite story about this is when I was in my first term as Mayor and somebody called for the STEP car. We had the STEP car go out, in fact, the resident let us park the car in her driveway and the first person who they caught speeding that day was her husband coming home from work. Be careful for what you wish for. I’m sure it made for interesting dinner conversation that night.

We had 1,961 citations of all types. This year we had 1,709 warnings. A warning is when an officer chooses to give a warning instead of a ticket. What’s unusual about that is that this is the first time in at least three or four years when we have given more citations than warnings. We are not one of those cities that go out and hunt for things to ticket. Our police are actually very courteous and do a professional job.

Crime statistics in Fairlawn amount to mostly theft related. Ninety-three percent of all reported crimes in the City of Fairlawn are theft related. An example would be around the time period between Thanksgiving and New Year’s when everyone is out shopping and there are a fair number of shoplifters who come into the City and try to take things. The FBI requires every Police Department to compile statistics and basic criminal reports, types of crimes committed and things like that. For us, the overall crime rate for the City of Fairlawn in 2019 declined by 8.6% over the year before, which is good news. We don’t always get that every year, but we are very happy to have that.

Our Police Department provides many services. One of the things that we highlight is our daily house checks. An example of that would be like if you had to go out of town or you are on vacation, or a relative of yours has passed away and you have to leave your home for a funeral, a patrol car will come out at least once a shift, go to your house, and do a perimeter check of the house. In 2019 we did 5,704 safety checks, at request.

The Senior Call Program is offered for seniors but is also for disabled persons or someone who has difficulty living alone. Residents can volunteer to be part of this program. They call dispatch by a certain time every day. If we don’t hear from them, we call them. If we don’t get a response, a patrol car will go to the residence to make sure they are alright.
We do Preventative Patrol Stops. A cruiser may drive past a resident in the middle of the night and find a garage door open. They will check to see what’s going on there of if a residence has an accumulation of newspapers, they will check to make sure the resident is okay.

Yearly, we sponsor Safety Town where we teach traffic safety for the kids. We’ve done that for well over twenty-five years. Our police and volunteers put that on. A lot of the Safety Town volunteers are Safety Town graduates.

If you are a resident and you have an issue with a car seat, you can make an appointment with our Police Department and they will show you how to properly install it. These are the services we render to our community.

The Detective Bureau statics always amaze me. My first career was an Assistant County Prosecutor and what I had to do back then was try any type of case from theft to aggravate murder, so I know Police procedure quite well, and unlike on T.V. where at the end of the story everything wraps up nicely, the bad guy is caught. That’s not reality. The reality is in 2019 our detectives had an 86% clearance rate of solving reported crimes. That’s extremely high. That’s about as high as you can get. We are very proud of that.

This past year was really the first full year of body cameras for all our police officers. The cameras are activated when the officer is on a call. It’s new technology. We think for us, it’s been a very good thing. It protects the Police Officer and it also protects the individual that may be involved in the police stop. Let’s say you have a beef with somebody and they make a complaint. They can watch the recording and the complaint may go away. Or sometimes a traffic stop may get a little hot-headed and the officer can ask them if they realize they are using the camera and it may diffuse the situation. It’s been a plus for us and it’s been good for our utilization.

In 2019, our Fire Department responded to 1,975 calls for transport. This actually decreased by 104 calls from 2018. The Fire and Safety Inspections that we do allows us to stay ahead of the curve. Fire inspections are anything from fire suppression systems, alarm systems, safety access, things like that. Our Fire Department takes care of those on a regular basis with commercial property and things like that. Plan review inspections are anything that goes to Planning Commission or sometimes construction plans that are submitted to the Fire Department, where they have to sign off on the plans, making sure everything meets fire code. Very active there.

We are part of a team, similar to a SWAT team, that is countywide where various police departments, with different resources, pool together for an incident. Our Fire Investigation Team is built on a similar principle where we participate with Bath, Copley, Norton, Richfield, Valley, Chippewa, Granger, Sharon and it’s called Code Ten. Our Fire Department personnel go on calls and we share services for fires and fire investigations. It works very well.

One thing I like to emphasize, and this isn’t just for our Fire Department, but for all our departments, is training. Training is an ongoing cost. Our philosophy has always been, with the help of City Council, is to have our personnel as highly trained as they can be and to provide them with the best possible equipment that we deem is fit for the job and what they need, based on our Fire Chief, Police Chief and Service Department Deputy Director’s direction. We are very proud of that. The Fire Department staff have medical training, mass casualty training, biohazard, drug overdose, extractions from cars, things like that. It’s nonstop. Police has fire arms training and other things like that. All our Service Department personnel have CDL’s. They have to be able to drive a plow. There is a lot of training involved.

This year the Fairlawn Fire Department installed the BRYX System. We are always trying to improve the level of service that we provide, improve the response time, to respond as quickly as possible to keep people safe. This is a technology driven system that when we now get a call in dispatch, based on the call coming in, there are three colors involved; red, blue, yellow. When the Fire Department gets a call, the lights will flash to tell the responders if it’s blue that means an EMS call, red means there is a fire, and yellow means call to backfill the station, which would probably be a major event. That immediately alerts the fire personnel what vehicles to take, what type of equipment they need and so on. That works simultaneous with the dispatcher still on the line. The messages are
Fairlawn is an older, inner ring suburb. This means we have houses that go back to right after WW II up to most recently where we have the Riviera townhomes being built. We have an entire gamut of housing. Years ago, we put into effect a continuous exterior inspection of all residential properties. This is done by our Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Arnold and his assistant view one-third of all the residential structures per year. They view them from the street. Sometimes a resident will give permission to go onto the side yards so they can look over a fence. It’s not that often, but there are some circumstances where if there is a violation, they send a follow-up letter, anything from mold on a house to missing shingles on a roof. That way we are able to keep out housing stock healthy. This applies equally to single family homes as well as rental properties. If I remember correctly, there are more single-family home owners that get violations over the rentals. We work with our residents and the violations are usually remedied quickly. This year we had 1,674 inspections of all types. They were complaint-based inspections, inspections of things being built, exterior inspections, or deck inspections. Deck inspections are on a voluntary basis. If you have an outdoor deck, I would strongly encourage you to have our free deck inspections because a lot of decks were built years ago and may or may not be properly secured to the house and there are some safety code changes that can prevent a tragedy.

The single-family housing market is very robust. There is group called NEOREX Data which is North East Ohio Realtors Exchange. They provide data for the entire real estate market. They told us in 2019 there was a 12% increase in the medium sale price of a single-family home over 2018 in the City of Fairlawn. The average sale of a house in Fairlawn is now $229,117.00. The time a house is on the market has dropped from sixty-eight days to fifty-five days. One thing I know in talking with realtors, and I think also related to Mr. Arnold, one of the selling points is the FairlawnGig. It’s available to every residential structure in the City.

We enacted The Residential Demolition Program years ago during the foreclosure crisis. This program tailored back as the economy improved, but we did have two houses that we removed this past year. One was a house on Cleveland-Massillon Road right by Kumho Drive. The other one was, unfortunately, the old Firestone Mansion. If you remember, that was an arson fire two years ago this month. The Firestones lived up to their name and had a lot of asbestos in that house. Asbestos was in the walls and between the floors. It was all over. At the end of the day, when it was torn down it was encapsulated, which is a safety thing. Basically, it took quite a bit longer than we thought it would but the house is now gone. The cost of demolition is put on the tax duplicate and that’s where we sit with that. It was a unique house.

You can apply for permits on line with the Building and Zoning Department. The inspectors can now prepare their reports from the field on their iPad. New construction is a pretty good gage for how the economy is doing in our area. We are a little skewed this year. In 2019, when a person went to Planning Commission with a company they wanted to build, they have to give Planning Commission a value of that project. This year the total values of projects was $80,048,000.00. There were sixteen of them. In 2018, the value was $22,653,000.00 and the big jump is Crystal Clinic. Also, when they talk about the evaluation, they generally have to list the number of new jobs created. The total projects for 2019 for new construction are going to create 583 new jobs. This is compared to 390 in 2018. That’s a nice step up.

Our Service Department maintains all City property, whether it’s parks or buildings. There is about 135 acres of City property to maintain. We have about 138 vehicles; anything from fire trucks, trucks, police cruisers and the Service Department also maintains our roads. We have approximately 30 miles of roadway in the City of Fairlawn that must have snow removal, which equates to 116 lane miles. In 2018/2019 the snow season started twenty-nine days earlier and ended ten days later than the previous year. In that season we used 2,328 tons of salt and that was
1,100 more tons than the year before. We used 1,440 gallons of calcium chloride, which was down from the 4,045 used in the year before. You might ask, how can that happen? Depending on the weather, depending on the temperatures, things like that, the use of salt and calcium chloride varies. Our snow plow trucks have sensors that can figure out the temperature of the road surface and can figure out what kind of mix the road needs. So, we won’t have the same consumption every year. We use about 10,000 pounds on sidewalks and that’s about 2,500 less than the year before. We pride ourselves in maintaining the streets the way we do. You can always tell when you are in Fairlawn in the winter.

Our Recycling Center has been there for decades. I’m happy that Council has been able to provide it for free for our residents. If you are a Fairlawn resident, you can use the recycle center. In 2019 we collected 2,208 tons of solid waste which is up 108 tons from last year. We collected 98.40 tons of co-mingle recycling materials, glass, plastics and that’s down about 20 tons. We had 44.27 tons of newspaper; that’s down about 7.5 tons. We had 36.57 tons of corrugated cardboard. That is down about 1.5 tons. In the recycling world, office paper and cardboard are what all the recyclers want. That’s the cream of the crop. That’s why most of the grocery stores, if you’ve noticed, have their own box crushers on site. We also collected 2,640 yards of brush and yard waste, which is up 280 yards. As I said before, we are fortunate that our finances are such that we can provide this as a free service to our residents. The compactor is open except for any major holiday and basically, as long as it doesn’t glow in the dark, we take it. We are very happy with that.

Shredding Day will be held again this year. In 2019 we had 490 vehicles that participated. That’s up about 60 vehicles from the year before. About 213 or 43% were Fairlawn residents. We collected 26,580 pounds of paperwork and about 13 tons of unwanted paper and 780 pounds of cardboard.

In January of 2018, China decided they were not going to accept recycling materials from the United States and Europe and most of the world. Before that, to be frank, most western countries were dumping refuse on China and calling it recyclables. They stopped it cold in 2018. When they did it, they gave no notice. There were about twenty-eight ships in Shanghai that had to turn around and go back. We needed to change how we recycled things. We had to be smarter and we had to be more efficient. Working with Summit Akron Reworks, we have been able to reduce our contaminations stream. As an example, the biggest offense in cardboard are pizza boxes. They are saturated with grease. Throw them out. Don’t put them in the recycling. They damage recycling paper. Water bottles; technically both the cap and the bottle are recyclable, but throw the cap in the garbage and throw the bottle in the recycle bin. It’s much better for the recycling. This allowed us to decrease our impurity stream to 4% in all recyclables, and I think we are the lowest in the county. That makes it very valuable and very acceptable for the recycler to accept the materials that we give. Our residents get it. They do a very good job and we are very proud of that.

In 2019, we once again held Bill Stalker large item pick up day. That is a Fairlawn tradition. If you haul it to the curb by Friday night, you can sit on your porch and watch the trash pickers come around. Then what is left over is picked up by our Service Department personnel. Our crews were out ten hours this past time. They got 6.4 tons of collected matter, and that’s after the pickers went through and took what they wanted. It’s a good service that we provide.

In 2019, our City Engineering Department continued our concrete slab repair program. I told you about the 84” storm sewer line. I think it was June of this year that we received a call that there was a sink hole on the property at Smith and Ghent Roads, which is the old GenCorp property, Omnova. Under there is an 84” storm sewer line, which you can literally stand upright inside. It drains approximately 370 acres in the City of Fairlawn. The pipe had given up it’s ghost and started to collapse. That was the emergency repair I talked about earlier. We ended up going underneath Smith Road, going South, going through the Omnova property, cross Sand Run and replaced the pipe. We also increased the angle so the flow is better. We changed the material inside of the pipe so it flows faster. As I said before, that was $1.8 million dollars. It wasn’t really planned for, but because we are so conservative in what

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we do, we had the money in reserve. We were able to write a check instead of financing the work. We are proud to be able to do that.

The main work this year has been taken over by the Cleveland-Massillon Road Widening Project. In the 1980’s, there was a plan to widen Cleveland-Massillon Road from Ridgewood all the way north through the intersection of Rt. 18 and Cleveland-Massillon Road. As costs and construction changed, the first thing we were able to do, I think in my first or second term, was to get the intersection of Cleveland-Massillon and West Market widened. If you remember, Market Street used to narrow down, right at Starbucks Coffee, when you headed west. So, we widened the intersection. When the JEDD was passed with Akron and Bath, we were able to go to ODOT and lobby with them to give us permission to widen West Market all the way out to Rt. 77. This current phase of the project is roughly from Bywood on Cleveland-Massillon Road to Rt. 77. The Engineer’s estimate of the total cost of the project is $11,443,325.00. We have an 80/20 split cost with the State. What that means State funding will pay 80% of the costs and then the local share, mainly Fairlawn but also Summit County for the parts that are in Copley Township, will pay 20% and that amount will be about $1,700,000.00. What’s interesting about that is we ended up getting $4.7 million from the State in CMAQ, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding. We also got our funding from the State of Ohio.

At the end of the off ramp, at Rt. 77 and Cleveland-Massillon Road, the traffic lights will be removed and a roundabout will be placed there. Basically, when you get off of Rt.77, you will go north and then be guided around, if you want to go south. Construction bids will go out this May or June. The State fiscal budget process starts July 1, so we will receive remaining funding after that. We hope to award a bid sometime in July and then construction will start. We’ve already had this year, utility relocation, which is still going on. You may see trucks around there, they are moving utilities; gas and electric. We have already moved the FairlawnGig fiber. The right-of-way process is almost completed. Once we get the right-of-way, the project can move forward. The construction will continue through the fall of 2020-2021. There will be a short period where there will be a road closure and that will be like if you are at Elgin and Cleveland-Massillon and make a right heading north, you will see will Schocalog Creek is. There will be a prefab bridge replacing the current bridge.

You might recall years ago, we did a similar project on Ridgewood Road, by the old Highlander Golf, where that bridge is located. That was a prefabricated replacement. It saves a lot of time, but there will still be some road closure. We don’t know exactly when yet, but obviously, the word will go out and we will be very mindful of that. Other than that, for the entire length of the project, traffic will be maintained.

Our Parks Department involves the quality of life in the City of Fairlawn. We have the soccer fields that are also used for lacrosse located on Ridgewood Road. We maintain all our Park and Rec programs as usual. We had the Friday night summer concerts, movies in the park, family fun night, and gingerbread house making event, children’s soccer, and other various events. Our naturalist offers programs dealing with all sorts of different programming. The Learning Resource Center, at Ft. Island Park, set a record this year. We had 14,376 visitors. We are very proud of that. We still maintain the Community Gardens. We have park volunteers that logged in over 100 hours to help our staff throughout the summer and year-round. The Kiwanis Community Center is very active. We lease that out and also have various public groups who are allowed to use it.

After a lot of review, and a recommendation by the Park’s Board and the Park’s Director, we will have our fireworks display and band this year but, we will not have a parade this year. Five years ago, we had over 130 parade entries. Last year it was down to 43 entries and I believe, six of those never showed up. The judges for the participants approached our Park’s Director and indicated that there were not enough for them to do, not enough categories. So, from this point, we are going to move into a different director this year and see where things go. I actually brought the parade back in 1996, after a hiatus, working with the Fairlawn Women’s Club. But now it’s gotten to the point where it seems to have run its course for now. In the future we may come back to it, but for now, we are going to try some different things.
Mayor’s Court handled 1,654 cases in 2019. That number is up 228 cases from 2018. You can pay now on line. We had 59% of individuals who took advantage of that method of payment verses coming to City Hall or mailing their payment.

Our Computer Information Services Department faces a challenge every day in reference to hacking. We all hear about hacking whether it is China, Ukraine, Russia, Iran, whoever, you can pick your malcontent. We are constantly upgrading our system. We are always going through new training and equipment. Years ago, we actually dealt with some ransomware attacks and we were able to contain it, and this year we initiated a security audit for our entire computer system. We had an outside company do the work. They gave us a series of recommendations. Right now, we are in the process of implementing a lot of those recommendations. We always have to be vigilant. I was told one time by a security expert that there are only two entities in the world as far as hacking, the ones that already know they have been hacked and the ones that have been hacked that don’t know they’ve been hacked yet. Basically, if you have been on the internet, you’ve been hacked by somebody. We always try to run things faster and more efficient. This past year, in working with our internet and switching some of our telephone lines, we were able to install a SIP trunk witch is a Session Initiation Protocol. We are saving about $25,000.00 a year in our communications bills.

Labor relations are very good. In 2019 all of our labor contracts were due. We have settled about half of them right now, in fact, Council is in active legislation on several of them and we are in the process of being close to settling the other ones. We are very fortunate.

As far as government relations around our community, people are always amazed when I tell them that Montrose is a thing. It’s not a government entity. Montrose gets over 35,000-40,000 people visiting a day. It is served by Fairlawn, served by Copley, served by Bath, and sometimes served by Akron. It is able to function because we have seamless first responses. And we do the same thing in our communities. All three communities, and Akron also participates, aid each other. This makes the response time excellent. Our Fire Chief and Police Chief can attest to that. It is something that we are very proud of because we are a very busy portion of the county. During December, even the “slow” part of Market, like in front of the Hilton, get 32,000 cars a day. It gets busy, we have a lot of people coming in, and a lot of things can happen. We are able to cover it because of our first response.

Our relations with Summit County and the City of Akron are always very good. One thing we were able to add in 2019 was a Veteran’s Remembrance Tree. The tree is there to call attention to the fact that many of our veterans, on a daily basis, are in crisis and a lot of them are harming themselves. Part of the trees purpose is for us to remember them and also to give information on the dog tags where a veteran can contact someone to get help. We put the tree in a high-profile area right next to the Bicentennial marker, in Bicentennial Park, with the idea that it is easily accessible and a reminder.

The Fairlawn Community Foundation had another successful year. They were able to raise money for the fireworks and they are working on a long-term goal, Glacier’s Edge at Fairlawn Park on Ridgewood Road. If you noticed, this year we added an overlook at that location. That was a built with a generous donation from Mrs. Barbara Waddell in honor of her husband, Gene. She donated $25,000 to build it. Gene was actually my first Law Director.

The Community Improvement Corporation. This is in place because of a state statute where a city is allowed to create a corporation made up of city officials and individuals with a business background that are used as an economic development tool. We’ve had this in place for years. We’ve worked to get some companies to expand in Fairlawn, and remain in the City of Fairlawn, where they might need more parking or something like that. There are ways to make loans and things are based on the creation of new jobs or the retention of jobs. We are also able to attract new companies. One of the things we did this past year was located at 3250 and 3200 West Market, right next to the Hilton, where there are three-story red brick buildings. The second story of all 3250 and a large portion of 3200 was remolded by a company called Cedarwood, which is a nationally known construction company based in the Valley. They moved their world headquarters into there. The CIC worked with the landlord, Mr. Androllo, to
convert those spaces back into Class A office space. Those buildings are old and have been around for at least forty to fifty years. When they converted it to Class A, they become more attractive. We received the benefit of that tax revenue. It’s a shot in the arm for those buildings and they also came here because of the FairlawnGig.

We have a new company moving into the Ridgewood Road and Cleveland-Massillon property, at the Business Park. It’s called TrustedSec from Cuyahoga County. The best way to describe their business is, they are professional hackers. The owner of the company is relatively young; I don’t think he’s even forty. The guy is experienced. He’s an ex-marine, security in the Marines, cyber war, worked for Diebold and went out and formed his own company. He has a talented group of people. Fortune 500 Companies pay them to hack their systems and give the company a report as to what they should fix and how to improve on their security. They are a fast-growing company. They are moving their world headquarters into the City of Fairlawn. They have clients around the world. They went to Planning Commission in January for preliminary approval and the building should be up and completed in 2021. They founded in Fairlawn because we had a shovel ready site, which means the site is right for construction, and more importantly, the FairlawnGig.

Reinvestment into our community always makes us strong. As I said before, we are an older inner ring suburb, but in back of the bowling area in Riviera Drive we have eighteen townhomes going in there. The base price will be $305,000.00. That’s reinvestment. You can see this on Market Street with Arnone Coffee Shop, the City Bar-b-Que, in place of the old Wyant Building. It’s a lot harder to develop previously developed properties than it is to go to a farm field and build something. This shows that we have the ability to attract investment. Fairlawn is a place people want to do business and live in.

I still participate in trade shows, periodically, as needed. Years ago, I was asked by the City of Akron Mayor, the County Executive, Jobs Ohio and a couple of other groups to participate in going overseas to different trade shows to try to lure businesses to Northeast Ohio. The philosophy is that we may not get a business to move from Germany to Fairlawn Ohio, that would be like having the grand slam home run in the bottom of the ninth in the World Series, but if they move to Summit County or our area, chances are that somebody in Fairlawn will be working for that company. Revisa Plastics who moved their operations from Italy and are now in Summit County. Also, Rochling, a German engineering company, started at the trade show. They have over 110 employees in Summit County. That is the kind of things that puts us on the map. When I travel, the City does not pay for it. I pay for it out of my campaign fund.

We had goals when we started the FairlawnGig, and it’s hard to believe that we started this about 2014-2015. All of our reports showed revenue would kick in after a certain amount of years. In December of 2019, we passed the $2 million-dollar mark in revenue, which is years ahead of where we thought we would be. That shows how successful it is. We originally told residents that you could have up to a gigabit of speed. Companies up to ten gigabytes. We are now in a position where a resident can get up to ten gigabytes of speed and businesses can get 100. It’s amazing. We have about 50% take rate in the entire City of Fairlawn and in the JEDD district, and that’s businesses and residents. That’s very high for any saturation. We already serve Akron Bounce. FairlawnGig has made that possible. We are the high-speed provider for all those companies. That’s the kind of things we do.

FairlawnGig is also the service provider for the CAD system in dispatch. We hear about this digital divide; east coast, west coast, they are all way ahead of us and we are left behind. One of the driving forces in doing the Gig was to make sure that we are competitive. Make sure that we can be as good as they are, and I think we are. We’ve been noticed, in fact, this year PC Magazine said that FairlawnGig is the 10th fastest internet speed in the entire United States. Think of that for a minute. That’s incredible. We are number one in the Midwest. The gaming magazine, Gaming Network, said that we are in the top ten gaming networks for speed. That’s Fairlawn. I thank Council for backing this all these years. Barb and Russ, for donating your time. We have a board of residents that worked with us, Bill Wade was one of them. Individuals like Bill, who early on would bounce around ideas, and this was definitely a learning experience. We are very happy with this. Broadband Networks Magazine was employed by the Federal Government in 2019 to do a study of internet networks in the United States and give a
report and recommendations to them. Their quote was, “all municipal networks should imitate the FairlawnGig network for success”. Mr. Staten has been the guy who carried most of this along the way. I really appreciate what he has done.

We have our own backup data center on Embassy Parkway with redundancy, reliability. We offer co-locations for companies who want to do this. We are always trying to stay ahead of the curve. We have a link right now with four or five high-speed internet providers who come into Fairlawn and can get it for redundancy. It’s not just the single backhoe doctrine. If somebody rips a fiber up on Rt. 71 we have three or four other ways that it comes into the City. We are connected with the Westerville Data Center, outside of Columbus, which is a major data center, which literally from there every major data center in the world, we’re connected. Our idea is the quality of life quality of employment. The internet of today is really the electricity of 100 years ago. This is really what makes us competitive. I believe that it has really helped us.

This year we had forty-two different communities contact us, inside of Ohio and outside of Ohio, that want to meet us to see the FairlawnGig to see how we do it. One of the sweet parts of the Gig is that we put the system in with no new taxes or assessments. We borrowed the money. We make that debt payment out of the general fund. The revenues come in and pay for all the employees, the installations, the equipment, the hardware, the upgrades and all the kind of stuff. Every building in the City of Fairlawn and the JEDD district has fiber access. You may hear about the 5G and all the other stuff, it’s not there yet. That’s going to take a lot of fiber. We have the fiber. The other thing is that all these companies, that deal with this service, want only businesses. They don’t want it going into the residential areas because they don’t make money on that. With our model, we said that we are going to do everybody at once and we did it. We talked about the real estate prices and the value of everything else earlier; that’s your return on investments. Quality of life, the real estate, and things like that.

Rosemont Country Club’s landowner, who we are dealing with, is Montrose Inc. Montrose Inc.’s history is that in 1920 the Jewish community was not allowed to golf at Fairlawn County Club. They were not allowed to golf at Portage. It was a different world back then. So, they got together, purchased land, and they created their own club. This was their place in the community and it’s been successful. The irony is that this year would have been the 100th anniversary year. They’ve had issues for the last several years. The Board of Montrose voted to accept a real estate purchase offer from a company. I believe it was a week ago Thursday. We don’t know the details. We have not seen the contract. It’s a private land matter. The developer did come in to do a meet and greet, but he hasn’t done any due diligence as yet. He has six months to do the due diligence. In other words, soil borings, title search, liens, things like that. There is a process. Unfortunately, if you look nationwide, in the United States since 2018 there were 198 golf courses that have gone out of business. In our area Brandywine is gone, Tam O’Shanter, Valley View, Rustic Hills, Deer Pass, Oak Knolls, Medina Country Club, Emerald Woods, Raintree. Where we sit with this now, you know as much as we do.

In 2021, Fairlawn will be a city for fifty years. We are going to plan some events. We are in the planning stages right now. We are working with the Chamber of Commerce as far as tracing businesses. We know Summit Mall, Lucky Shoes, the Hilton, I believe Shulans; these businesses have been around at least fifty years. We will be putting out request for information to get more history on Fairlawn. We’re only fifty years old, but you would be amazed the things that we can’t find out like who designed the City seal. There’s no record. We heard it was a contest. It’s things like that that we are trying to retrace and get the history back. So, periodically, you will be hearing about that.

By law, I have to report everything, and without the help of Council and Cabinet, none of this would be possible. I am very fortunate to have the privilege of being the Mayor. Thank you.

**LAW DEPARTMENT, R. BRYAN NACE**

Mr. Nace—I have no report this evening.
POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF DONALD DUMAN

Chief Duman—I have no report this evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF RUSSELL HOSE

Chief Hose—Our new squad arrived on Friday. It will probably take us two weeks to get the radios in, get it stocked, and to do a few minor punch list things. It is very nice and I would welcome any of you to stop by and take a look at it. It’s in the bay right now.

Mr. Sharnsky—I would encourage my fellow Council members to stop by the Fire Department to see that and also see the BRYX system in action as well.

ZONING/HOUSING/RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT, WILLIAM ARNOLD

Mr. Arnold—In your mailboxes this evening, you should have found the report on the zoning permits issued for the fourth quarter of 2019. If you have any questions about what you see, please get in touch with me.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, NICHOLAS SPAGNUOLO (EXCUSED)

Mr. Staten—Dominion will start work on the utility movement on Cleveland-Massillon Road for the widening project. They are going to start in the roundabout area and that will start on February 3rd.

Also, on February 3rd, sanitary sewer work will start. Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewers has a project that will go along Rothrock Road, starting near the Grace Church entrance, and will cross Cleveland-Massillon Road and head west on Rothrock for a short way.

There is a water main repair at Ghent and West Market Street. The work will start tomorrow. Actually, on Saturday, the first lane was opened up and the repair was made. Tomorrow a second lane will be opened and a repair will need to be made on the water line there. There will be detours and lane shifts throughout the day. We will have message boards and arrow boards up all over the community. Right at the moment, it looks like the detour will be Ghent, Smith, around back around to Market Street, because it’s taking up two lanes and we don’t want to use traffic in that center lane.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT, ERNEST STATEN

Mr. Staten—This weekend the snow was extremely wet and heavy and there was some damage to property and mailboxes. We are repairing them now. We did not hit mailboxes, but the snow did and it broke them off. We are working on them all this week. If residents want to call in and let us know if we have skipped an area, please do so at the Service Department.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, MARK LUDWIG

Mr. Ludwig—After the last Council meeting, and I’m sure you saw the memo from Jake, the IRS has decided it costs less to operate our motor vehicles and has decreased the amount of standard mileage rate. It’s not much, but I was quite surprised it cost us less to operate our vehicles, apparently in their wisdom.

In regards to the CC Embassy, LLC, who was going to develop the Corporate Park property, to which Mr. Staten’s department did a tremendous job getting work done for them that they needed done, promised that if they did not build there, they would reimburse us for the work. We billed them on December 31, 2019, $158,000.00 for
construction of sanitary sewers and on January 16, 2020 they have paid that bill in full, in accordance with their agreement.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, JACOB KAUFMAN

Mr. Kaufman—I have no report this evening.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, LAURIE BEISECKER

Mrs. Beisecker—I have no report this evening.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Resolution 2020-004  Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK AUBURN TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Expires 04/20/2020)
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-005  Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS WAGNER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Expires 04/20/2020)
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-006  Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CINDY VISCA TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Expires 04/20/2020)
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Ordinance 2020-007  Offered by Mayor Roth
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-008  Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRAIN VARNER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 (Expires 04/20/2020)
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-009  Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR THE GLACIER’S EDGE STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT (Expires 04/20/2020)
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CHAIR, RUSSELL SHARNSKY

Ordinance 2019-038  Offered by Mayor Roth
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF LOT NO. 7 OF FAIRLAWN CORPORATE PARK LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SOUTHWESTERN BOULEVARD TO THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF FAIRLAWN, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Expires 02/28/20) (1st Reading 06/03/19) (2nd Reading 06/17/19) (3rd Reading 07/15/19) (Held 08/12/19, 09/03/19, 09/16/19, 10/07/19, 10/21/19, 11/04/19, 11/18/19, 12/02/19, 12/16/19 & 01/06/2020)
Ordinance 2019-097 Offered by Mayor Roth
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS OF THE POLICE DIVISION OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, AND PERMITTING EXTENSIONS THEREOF DURING NEGOTIATIONS OF THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Expires 03/15/2020) (1st Reading 12/16/19) (2nd Reading 01/06/2020)

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Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2019-038 by title only as a refresher?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2019-038 by title only.

Mayor Roth—They’ve gotten their preliminary approval from Planning Commission. The finalized contract is begin circulated for signatures, but not signed as yet. If Council sees fit, you can transfer real estate to the CIC tonight, or you can wait until the next meeting. However you feel comfortable.

Mr. Sharnsky—We have held this and we have discussions on this. I would like to continue to hold it until the next meeting.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2019-097 by title only for the third time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2019-097 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Comments from the Administration?
Mr. Nace—Yes. We’ve discussed this item before. We have a tentative agreement in principle. We think everything is going to be fine with that, but we are still hashing out a few little details on some language in the contract, so I would ask Council to hold this tonight and to put it on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Sharnsky—Very well. Are there any comments from members of Council at this time? Hearing none we will hold this in committee.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-004 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-004 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Brillhart made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Potts seconded. Comments Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Roth—It’s hard to believe that the time has gone by and we have another Charter Review Commission this year. Mr. Auburn has served on this several times in the past and he’s graciously accepted a reappointment. I would ask Council to look favorably upon this legislation.

Mr. Sharnsky—How long is Charter Review? Is that three years or five years?

Mr. Nace—Three.

Mayor Roth—Every three.

Mr. Sharnsky—Comments or questions from members of Council? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Resolution 2020-004.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-004: Potts, yea; Stock, excused; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, excused. Five yea, two excused on the passage of Resolution 2020-004.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-005 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-005 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Detorakis made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Potts seconded.

Mayor Roth—Mr. Wagner has served on this commission before, so I would ask Council to look favorably upon this reappointment.

Mr. Sharnsky—Anything further from Council? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Resolution 2020-005.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-005: Stock, excused; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, excused; Potts, yea. Five yea, two excused on the passage of Resolution 2020-005.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-006 by title only for the first time?
Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-006 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mrs. Baum made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Detorakis seconded.

Mayor Roth—Again, Mrs. Visca has served on this board before. I think you all know her quite well and she has again, graciously, agreed to serve again. I would ask Council to look favorably upon this resolution.

Mr. Sharnsky—I would agree that all three of these individuals have served a number of times and have done a great job working with the Law Director on reviewing our Charter and making changes to our Charter. Any other comments? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Resolution 2020-006.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-006: Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, excused; Potts, yea; Stock, excused. Five yea, two excused on the passage of Resolution 2020-006.

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Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-007 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-007 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Brillhart made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Baum seconded.

Mr. Nace—As you might recall, we had negotiated a contract with the part-time fire fighters just last year, which took us awhile, but it was retroactive to the beginning of last year. It was a three-year contract, but we had two years on it with the wage reopener clause, so we were expecting to do that part of it and that did come about, but there wasn’t an added change that was made. There was a request made by the unit that we make a change in the drug testing section and what I would suggest is that Council hold this in committee and we can talk about it at our Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Sharnsky—Any comments from members of Council at this time? Hearing none, we will hold this in committee.

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Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-008 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-008 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Detorakis made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Potts seconded. I want to point out that Council has received a corrected resolution. There was a typo on the original resolution, which meant that there was a typo on our agenda as well, but you all have received a correct copy.

Mayor Roth—I would like to indicate that Mr. Varner is in the audience tonight and I appreciate his willingness to step forward and serve on this board. I believe Council has a copy of his resume. The vacancy on the board was created by Bill Wade. Mr. Wade has served long and faithful to our board, but he has some issues that he needs to deal with and he cannot devote the time he normally would have. I would like to thank Mr. Wade for his service and I appreciate that Mr. Varner is willing to step forward and serve on this board. I know you will be meeting with Bill Arnold, if Council confirms your appointment. So, I would ask Council to look favorably upon this tonight.

Mr. Sharnsky—I would like to thank Mr. Varner for being here this evening and for being willing to serve. I think this is a great place to start to be involved with the City, as I’ve told you when we’ve had previous conversations. I
would ask Council to look favorably upon this appointment as well. Are there any other comments from members of Council? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Resolution 2020-008.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-008: Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, excused; Potts, yea; Stock, excused; Brillhart, yea. Five yea, two excused on the passage of Resolution 2020-008.

Mr. Sharnsky—Congratulations Mr. Varner.

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Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-009 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-009 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mrs. Potts made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Baum seconded. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Roth—We have talked previously about this. We are successful in obtaining a grant from the State of Ohio to restore some of these wetlands. This also helps us with the storm water control when TrustedSec builds there headquarters there, it’s all interlinked. This is not spending any monies, this is going out for bids and specs. I would ask Council to look favorably upon this. Historically, we get better prices if we go out for bids and specs early in the year.

Mr. Sharnsky—Any other comments from Council? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Resolution 2020-009.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-009: Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, excused; Potts, yea; Williams, excused; Sharnsky, yea. Five yea, two excused on the passage of Resolution 2020-009.

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Mr. Sharnsky—I would like to set the next Committee of the Whole meeting for next Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR, BARBARA POTTS

Mrs. Potts—The Finance Committee has no report this evening.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR, TODD STOCK (EXCUSED)

Mr. Detorakis—There is nothing to report this evening.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR, KATHLEEN BAUM

Mrs. Baum—There is no report from Public Affairs.

SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR, MICHAEL DETORAKIS

Ordinance 2020-001

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ORIANA HOUSE, INC. (Expires 04/05/20) (1st Reading 01/06/20)

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Mr. Detorakis—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-001 by title only for the second time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-001 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Potts seconded.

Mr. Detorakis—Questions or comments?

Mayor Roth—This is the second reading only, so you can hold this in committee for a third reading and we can discuss it at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Detorakis—We will hold this for the next Committee of the Whole.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR, MARIA WILLIAMS (EXCUSED)

Mrs. Potts—There really isn’t a report other than we did have a quarterly meeting this morning. It was only so-so attended. A lot of people weren’t there.

Mayor Roth—Yes. I don’t know if the cold weather scared them away or not, but we were there.

Mrs. Potts—That’s right. Otherwise, there’s no report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR, PHILIP BRILLHART

Mr. Brillhart—Planning Committee has no report this evening.

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Mr. Sharnsky—Is there any other business to come before Council this evening?

Mayor Roth—I believe we have a boy scout in the audience.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would you like to come to the podium and tell us why you are here this evening? By coming up and speaking at this meeting, your name will be in the City of Fairlawn records indefinitely, forever. Could you introduce yourself, please?

Mr. Zilka—My name is Jack Zilka and I am writing a bunch of things down for my communications merit badge.

Mr. Sharnsky—Do you have any questions about our proceedings this evening?

Mr. Zilka—No.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Mayor, would you like to comment?

Mayor Roth—First, how do you spell your last name?

Mr. Zilka—Z-I-L-K-A.

Mayor Roth—I asked that because the minutes of this meeting will be transcribed and if they are correct, they will be accepted into record at our next Council meeting and then will become a permanent record of the City of Fairlawn. Your name will be forever on the record of the City of Fairlawn. Who is here with you tonight?
Mr. Zilka—My dad is here.

Mr. Sharnsky—We appreciate you coming in this evening.

Mr. Zilka—Thank you for doing this.

Mr. Sharnsky—Thank you. Is there any other business to come before Council this evening? Hearing none, I will entertain a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Baum made a MOTION to adjourn; Mr. Detorakis seconded. Everyone voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next regular meeting of Council will be Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

These are the official minutes of the Fairlawn City Council meeting held on January 21, 2020 and approved by Fairlawn City Council on the 3rd day of February 2020.

Russell T. Sharnsky
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Tonja K. Caldwell, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Recording Secretary, Cynthia L. Hall