

# City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session  
Dwight A. Clark, President of Council, presiding  
Council Chambers

February 1, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

President of Council Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Law Director Barbour, Finance Director Mahoney, Police Chief Leasure, and Clerk of Council Kemper. Via Zoom – Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, Fire Chief Lyons, Project Manager Kathryn Kerber, Human Resource Director Demaline, Director of Community Services Selig, Director of Building Tuck-Macalla, City Engineer Don Bierut.

## AUDIENCE

Via Zoom –Alex Kamczyc, Claire Banasiak, Dave Lowery, Jason Stangland, Jim Strunk, John Brickel, Marty Mace, Mark Hofelich, Pamos, Peggy Kranyak, Susan Murnane, Taylor Evans.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mayor Koomar** stated that the Cuyahoga County Library Board informed the City administration that they did accept bids for the Bay Village Library project in the late fall and completed that process at the end of January. The Board, with Director of Public Service Liskovec, Engineer Don Bierut, and Building Director Tuck-Macalla, is in the phase of looking at relocating some fiber optic lines. There is not a definitive date yet, but a spring ground-breaking is definitely planned.

### **The Smith Group presentation of the Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Master Plan.**

Mr. Jason Stangland, the Smith Group presented the Cahoon Memorial Park Public Access Study for Council review. The study is available on the City of Bay Village website, at:

<https://www.cityofbayvillage.com/DocumentCenter/View/2639/2021-0201-Cahoon-Public-Access-Study-Council-Review>.

Mr. Clark welcomed Mr. Stangland and advised that Mr. Stangland has been involved in working with the City of Bay Village for the county-wide initiative of shoreline improvements.

Mr. Stangland moved through the review, noting that it has been a great project and it is a good opportunity to partner and leverage some of the broader thinking that is happening within the county about public access. The process used has included on-line survey feedback, a few public meetings and a lot of stakeholder discussions about what specifically should occur in the park, focused on the northern portion. He noted that there has been a lot going on in terms of planning for the park itself, and there are other projects and works going on, whether that be the water trail itself or the

connectivity study that was done by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency or the Bay Village Master Plan. These are all important guiding documents that have a lot to say about what should happen in Cahoon Memorial Park, and ultimately things that should be built on rather than being thought of as being replaced through this process. A majority of the time emphasized on the lakefront itself. There were a lot of issues there with coastal erosion that were primarily the emphasis and effort when looking at geo-technical explorations and things of that nature.

They did want to also think about how this relates to the southern portions of the park, and heard a lot from the stakeholders about the importance of connection. There are way finder sign recommendations, trail recommendations, and some parking modifications or recommendations, particularly in the Rose Hill area.

The document itself (available through the link above) gives four major sections. One is an overview of the project, and a sort of description of the background of the process including some of the site investigations including the coastal analysis as well as considerations like the geo-technical exploration specifically looking at cost-ability, which is a concern. Some of the recommendations specifically are identified in Section C, dealing not just with the north, but some of the south, and the final section, or Section D really focuses on the implementation section. How are the dollars figured out, how can we move ahead? There are some phases that make sense to move ahead in front of others, or maybe more dependent on other projects or other things moving forward.

Mr. Stangland pointed out stream restoration areas, connections that are complete or are important to think about completing, possibly connections over to the Huntington Reservation and a number of improvements along the creek itself, which include creating a slightly narrower channel toward the mouth but creating a flood plain that will allow for some ecological enhancements through that corridor. Ultimately, they created a plan that is very similar to today, with a little different form and a lot of different uses that build upon what there currently is.

Mr. Stangland noted that this is a fifteen to twenty year vision but gives an idea of what can be. The Boat Club area, just east of the Cahoon Creek, is one of the pieces that could interface with the water trail. He pointed out an idea of what Bay Point might look like and how spacious it can be with opening it up and removing some of the trees, adding different vegetation, and creating some cobble areas and habitat that starts to create ecological benefit but is also some protection for the bluff area behind it.

Mr. Stangland continued reviewing the study, pointing out the area looking over Bay Point, a meet area where Cahoon Road basically ends with a pause of space that looks out over the lake front, a view down towards the water, the idea that there may be some pieces along the west side that give a mini-solstice type of experience. They heard from a lot of different users that it was important to have not just sunset views, but sunrise views as well and celebrate those moments.

The Implementation section of the study will be focused on mostly this evening. Mr. Stangland stated that it is a big number and those big numbers come with big things to understand, most specifically that there is a series of costs associated with bluff stabilization. When looking at the

geo-technical investigations they wanted to make sure they understood what a stable bluff profile means. One of the things that needs to be done is to stop toe-erosion, which is being seen even in the shale bluffs. There is undercutting that occurs and that results in loss of the bluff at the top of the bluff. The recommendation from the geo-technical engineer was bluff stabilization at the toe, but also pulling it back a little bit, 30 feet at the top of the bluff, laying it back very steeply, but now there is a situation where it is overhanging in some areas. The important part of that is that you can do nothing, but the reality is things will continue to evolve. It is how proactive you want to be with respect to that. The improvements can be left back a little bit, or continue to move back the fence that exists there today, but there will need to be a response in some way. They are assuming that they are being ultimately proactive and there is probably \$14 million or \$15 million of shoreline stabilization that includes pulling back the bluffs and creating some toe protection of the large \$43 million number for the entire project. The number of \$43 million does carry some contingencies because of working at a master plan level and making a series of logical assumptions at this point in the process. Mr. Stangland stated that he would like to make it clear that there are ways to implement this project incrementally. While he does not want this to be a plan that is seen and something insurmountable and will be stuck on a shelf, there are some pieces and parts that can be done independently. Each of the nodes can be done independently. Areas C and E are primarily the most dependent upon something else happening. For example, the Bay Boat Club area could be enhanced without doing the rest of the areas. Similarly, the west side could be changed by enhancing Bay Point and the lake front, pulling back the top of the bluff a little bit and adjusting things, but keeping a lot of what exists. Areas C and E are primarily the areas that can't be finalized until the adjacent ones are done.

Where to start is the biggest question. Mr. Stangland stated that the Mayor has done a good job of talking with the county about the goal of the lakefront public access plan that the county is leading. Is the initiative about a few little investments, or is it significant investments that change the character of public access to the lakefront? The way it has been spoken about is that these are sizeable investments, something akin to three or four "Euclid's" (what has been done in the City of Euclid). If you think about Euclid as a \$10 to \$12 million project, they are looking at substantial projects. Is this an opportunity to potentially partner with them? Maybe. This is what the Mayor has been having discussions with them about and will continue to have more discussions with them about. Section A seems like a great opportunity to greater public access. There is already a trail that goes under the newly constructed bridge that could provide that immediate access to the lakefront. Then the bluff could be pulled back and stabilized and create lakefront access along the whole edge. That seems like a logical goal, with respect to the lakefront access plan that the county is advancing. That total investment for this Phase 1 of this area might be somewhere around \$17 million or \$18 million with 25% contingency included and a lot of that is just coming from how the bluffs are addressed. That can be broken down further. Going back to where the project started it was about Bay Point itself and if that piece can be better utilized. This is one area where you could have a complete project and almost leave the entire portion of the upland area on the north part of the park alone as it stands today and just enhance access on the western portion which is a little bit more toward a project scale like the City of Euclid. That might be the logical place to start.

Mr. Stangland stated that they appreciate the City's efforts to review the plan and make it read like they like with the information they need. He stated that his hope is that this is not the end of a

project but the beginning of the next phase. This is a great opportunity to serve as a model for the county, and there have been many hands within their offices to make this something that is a reality with the visualizations of logical investments.

Mr. Clark called upon comments or questions from the Council members.

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Stangland to comment on this being part of a larger initiative that the county is undertaking. There have been a couple of resident segments over the past few weeks, talking about improving about thirty miles of shoreline.

Mr. Stangland stated that on January 12 and January 14 there were meetings with lakefront property owners and the focus is that if there are lakefront property owners that are interested in a public/private partnership that may expand public access, similar to a model that the City of Euclid has employed, there is that opportunity. If they are not interested then there is no opportunity or partnership, or intent to be adversarial and try to take land. There were two meetings that talked about making sure that the landowners understand what the initiative is. It is about making better connections from the existing access points, two of which are located within Bay Village. On January 28 there was a public meeting that focused on helping the Smith Group understand what improvements may be better connected so that if there are lakefront access points that exist already are there better opportunities to connect them either along the lake or along existing rights-of-way or roads like Lake Road that might provide multi-mobile access. There are two different perspectives – one is land owner and one is the public in general. Hopefully they can find a marriage where there is interest in increasing public access from both groups. By July or August there should be some recommendations coming out relative to where the county would seek to make initial investment in two to four priority investment areas. When you look at what this plan is about and the opportunity this plan has, the Mayor is having discussion with folks there to see if this is the right fit for them to participate in, in some way.

Mr. Tadych asked how much of a lift there would be in Section A.

Mr. Stangland stated the recommendation from the geo-technical engineer has been is that if the bluff is thirty feet high it would be laid back roughly thirty feet. It is a one to one situation. It is a steep profile and they would never do something like that on the east side of the county where it is much more sand, gravel and clay. With the shale bluffs here it would be something you could lay back with a steep profile. They said conservatively to figure 1.25 the height of the bluff. It might be up to 1 to 1 or even steeper than that.

Ms. DeGeorge addressed Mr. Stangland and thanked him for including in this iteration a lot more language about bluff stabilization and protection. She noted that she saw that more and more throughout the pages than what was in the packet received last December. She does not want to underestimate that and stress to any residents who may be paying attention that this is not all going to happen at once. We need to stabilize the bluff before we look to anything else, while understanding that sometimes those things will have to go in tandem. An approval of this this evening would simply mean, just like the City Master Plan, we are using this as a guide. It doesn't mean it is a "have to" and I do not residents to think that we are spending \$49 million tonight, which

we are not. This is going to be a pieces/parts deal. I just wanted to make these points because I know there is a lot of confusion out there.

Mr. Stangland thanked Ms. DeGeorge for emphasizing the importance of the bluff stabilization. In order to maximize public access and take advantage of some of the partners and funding that may be available, that is a great way to do it.

Mr. Tadych stated that he assumes the dollars Mr. Stangland is talking about are today's dollars, or is there some type of protection built in based on a certain amount of growth?

Mr. Stangland stated that it does not include projections, although they would typically include two to three percent annually following the consumer price index. It does include a fairly hefty contingency at this point and they have been relatively conservative because they do not have detailed surveys yet. It is hoped that those numbers will be able to come down and we have been appropriately conservative at this point.

Mr. Winzig thanked Mr. Stangland and his team for the quality of work. Throughout the process they have done a terrific job of listening to all the different constituents here in Bay, not only in the administration, but from the community. You have done a lot of problem solving. There were people that were walkers and bikers, there were people that were boaters, people that loved the sunset and recreation, and many others involved. You answered those questions and brought us ideas that on our own we would not have thought of. Mr. Winzig expressed again appreciation to Mr. Stangland and his team.

Mr. Stangland said that the administration and Council represent the community well. This community loves this place and you can tell how special it is. They are proud to have been a part of it and hope to in the future.

Mr. Tadych asked Law Director Barbour if this project must go before the State of Ohio, if you change the slope and make other changes.

Mr. Barbour asked if Mr. Tadych meant the court. He stated that there would probably be several regulatory approvals that would have to be made. When you build close to the water you usually need the approval of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Mr. Stangland responded that there is certainly the Cahoon Will aspect which he would leave to Mr. Barbour. From a regulatory standpoint, all of these projects that touch the water in some way, creek or lake, typically have Army Corps of Engineers, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife, all play a role in that. Those processes for permitting are not fast. The permitting process for something like this would more than likely run twelve to fourteen months.

Mr. Barbour stated that as far as the Cahoon Will, things like changing the trail and reconfiguring the parking lot, entrances, and things like that would infringe on the will. We would have to think

about that if it becomes a reality. We are a ways away from having to put pencil to paper on these issues.

Mr. Clark stated to Mr. Stangland that, on behalf of Council, the Smith Group did an outstanding job of listening to the residents, taking into consideration all the different opinions and the finished project is A-1. Dimensions to this project have been brought forward that we were not aware of six months ago.

Ms. Maier stated that she thinks that was a very creative and well-intentioned way of dealing with the bluff stabilization because we all have a responsibility as trustees of Cahoon Memorial Park and if you are going to do a major infrastructure work whatever else that can be gained at the same time helps the park get to the point where it is a little bit more cohesive and more of it can be used, and can accommodate future uses with water sport access. The Smith Group did an outstanding job of stitching it all together.

Mr. Clark stated that this will likely be done in component parts over time. Not everything happens at once. Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Stangland for his work and presentation.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE-DeGeorge, Tadych, Maier**

#### Submerged Land Lease – 23502 Lake Road.

**Ms. DeGeorge** stated that she will present a resolution for a submerged land lease at 23502 Lake Road this evening at the Regular Meeting of Council. These are done routinely, but an email was received today asking for additional information from Ms. Maier. She asked if Ms. Maier was looking for something specific with this particular piece of land.

Ms. Maier stated that usually there is a little bit more detail as to what is being done, so it is just more curiosity that perhaps some papers had been inadvertently omitted.

### **FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE-Tadych, Winzig, Kelly, Clark.**

**Mr. Tadych** had no report this evening.

### **PLANNING, ZONING & PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE-Maier, DeGeorge**

#### Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Application.

**Kathryn Kerber, Project Manager**, addressed Council stating that the county has brought back the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Program this year. In 2019 the City of Bay Village received \$50,000 to do an inventory of the public trees in Bay Village. This time the county is more focused

on tree planting. If successful with the grant application, the City is eligible for up to \$50,000 for tree planting on public lands in Bay Village. This resolution is to authorize the submission of the grant application.

Mr. Clark asked if it is necessary to be specific with the game plan as to what would be planted, or is it more general in nature.

Ms. Kerber stated that this one is specific; they are asking for a specific list of what will be planted and where. They will send someone from the Cuyahoga Soil and Water District to observe as plantings are started to make sure it is being done correctly. The county is taking this very seriously and they want to make sure that we are planting trees and setting them up for success in terms of watering plans, etc. We are in a good place to do that because of the inventory done last time. We have all of our information, know what we want to do, and should be in good shape for it.

Mr. Winzig asked if it would be possible if this gets approved this evening for Council to see a copy of what that plan is before it is submitted.

Ms. Kerber stated that she does not have a problem in sharing that information.

St. Raphael's Church Mardi Gras Temporary Sign Installation Request.

**Ms. Maier** stated that St. Raphael's Church has submitted this request annually. This year they are doing a virtual event, but would still like to have a physical sign outside on their property. The sign measures 36 inches x 72 inches and will be on display from February 11 through February 16, 2021.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE-Maier, Kelly**

Approval of the Final Change Order to the TriMor Construction Company contract for the completion of the Sunset Utilities project.

**Ms. Maier** stated that this request was very well spelled out in a memorandum from Curtis Krakowski, Infrastructure Manager and Don Bierut, City Engineer to Jon Liskovec, Director of Public Service and Properties. The memorandum explained the original base contract and the alternate added to the project for waterline replacement under Lake Road. Ms. Maier noted that this is common with projects that deal with old infrastructures or utilities that are not where they are supposed to be which create issues when opening up the streets. There had been a reduction in Change Order No. 2 and with this Change Order No. 3 additional amount of \$18,556.47, the final cost of the Sunset Drive Area Utility Improvements is \$389,839.47.

Engineer Don Bierut commented that Alternate 3 included connecting the two lines from Sunset into the Lake Road main line. In the process of doing that they ran into the problem that the water line was much deeper than they thought, there was unstable soil, and sections of pavement that were 20 inches thick. The contractor did a good job and worked with the City regarding the costs.

Mr. Liskovec stated that the contractor did a good job of keeping very accurate and detailed notes which helped to relay the correct information as to why the costs were incurred.

Mr. Bierut stated that they were sure, due to the lack of records of the Sunset Area that they would come upon things that were unrecorded. It was a surprise to come upon these circumstances on Lake Road itself.

Mr. Clark confirmed with Finance Director Mahoney that this closes both the paving and utilities portions of the Sunset Project, and that there is adequate funding for the additional costs. Mrs. Mahoney stated that funds were left unused for other projects, and funds left on the original purchase order, that will be used for the Sunset Utilities project closeout.

Mr. Tadych recalled conversation in the Council meeting of December 16, 2019 regarding the fact that there was no contingency on this project. The Service Department felt that the contingency was not needed because there was a light buffer of \$4,000 to \$5,000 and they assumed it would be not much more funds needed. In hindsight now, we are looking at another \$15,000. Mr. Tadych stated that he would hope that in the future we would put that contingency in especially when the items are in the \$360,000 range. A small contingency on a \$3,000 project is nothing, but when you get to a higher amount there is the need for a contingency. There was much discussion that night in 2019 about the need for a contingency fee and it was pushed away and said it wasn't needed. Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Tadych spoke up about it and Mr. Tadych would hope this would not happen again.

Mr. Bierut stated that as a result of that conversation everything that was built in 2020 did have a contingency.

Ms. DeGeorge asked if Mr. Liskovec and Mr. Bierut would could clarify that when going out for bid the City Engineer prepares an estimate and when the bids come in, do the contractors go through the same paces or look at the estimate and look at the site. Ms. DeGeorge stated that when the gas line and the fiber optic line were not where we thought, and the water line deeper than we thought, is that a result of what we estimated or what the contractor looked at himself?

Mr. Bierut stated that there is a clearing house that is called for the utilities in the area and the utilities supply plans to the City. When these are shown as part of the plans of the construction set, this is what the contractor bids on. There is a method where you can go further by having exploratory digs to see exact depths of water lines, but it might have cost \$20,000 to find out. It is very expensive and you still don't always catch things. The Ohio Department of Transportation uses it occasionally, the county has gotten away from it. It was used on Ashton Lane and the cost to do just a sanitary sewer line there was about \$16,000. We get the information from the utility companies, put it on the plans, send it back to the utility companies, they confirm it, the contractor bids what is on the plans, and that is how they prepare the bid.

Mayor Koomar noted that the federal deadline for submission is coming up on March 17. There was an update before the holidays on the status and he asked Mr. Bierut for another update.



Mr. Bierut stated that the report is due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by March 17, 2021. The plan is to come before Council on March 1, but the way things are now it looks like an overflow will be installed, force main and pump station, in the Glen Park area. The sanitary sewer was closed off on Lake Road and if those things are in danger of discharging up to the level of the overflows the flow would be diverted to the pump station where it would be pumped east and away from the overflows. An exact number is not ready, the modeling is not done but the cost is in the vicinity of \$1.7 million. The plan will be sent to the EPA; they may agree with it but may have comments that could change things. At that time they will also be sent a timeframe for the implementation. There are funding options through the Ohio EPA and others that we will look at to shoulder the expense.

Mayor Koomar stated that the EPA might take this under advisement for a few months. This might be something that comes back to us the first part of the summer. Mr. Bierut stated that he anticipates they would review what the City submitted, have questions on it and may want things to look at it differently. The Mayor's timeframe is correct.

Mr. Bierut stated that the Ohio EPA has a loan program with a one-half percent interest rate. There are many options.

Approval to advertise for bids for the 2021 Pavement Maintenance Program.

**Ms. Maier** stated that this is an annual program, and the construction estimate for this year is \$600,000. A map of the City indicating where the work is to be done was supplied to Council. Work will be done on Canterbury Road, from Lake Road to the southern most end, on Elmwood from Lake Road to East Oviatt Road, on East Oviatt from Glen Park to Kenilworth Road and on Osborn Road from Glen Park to Parkside, and on Clague Parkway. Alternates are Revere, Lake Forest, Oak Cliff and Fordham dead end. The amount of \$800,000 has been appropriated for this project. The scope of the work will depend on how favorable the bids come in.

Mr. Clark asked if Reclamite will be placed on the streets that were overlaid last summer. Mr. Liskovec stated that the Reclamite work is included in the 2021 Budget. There are a handful of streets from 2019 and everything from the 2020 project plus Parkside and Kenilworth that will receive the Reclamite. Mr. Liskovec will provide further information to Council, noting it was in the original map he sent out sometime ago.

**RECREATION & PARKS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE-Winzig, DeGeorge, Tadych.**

**Mr. Winzig** had no report this evening.

**SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE-Kelly, Winzig.**

Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") Energized Community Grant.

**Mr. Kelly** stated that the City of Bay Village was the recipient of the NOPEC Grant last year. He called upon Project Manager Kerber for comments on this year's grant application.

**Ms. Kerber** stated that the grants from NOPEC are generally to finance energy saving improvements in the City. We have replaced lights to make them LED lights and redid the roof on the service garage, and similar things to improve energy efficiency. This year the grant is for \$13,123 and we are hoping to use that to continue in the process of increasing energy efficiency around the City.

Mr. Kelly asked that if there is anything else that gets us the requirements necessary in order to be the recipient of these funds, aside from our participation in NOPEC.

Ms. Kerber stated that there are no other requirements other than inclusion in NOPEC.

Ms. DeGeorge asked when we will know what we specifically will be spending the money on.

Ms. Kerber stated that she is working with Director Liskovec on that and what we want to use it for this year. One of the things being discussed is disposal of light bulbs that are not energy efficient. There is a cost incurred in lightbulb disposal. We are hoping to be able to use this grant to dispose of energy inefficient light bulbs.

Mr. Clark thanked Ms. Kerber for the information and all of her work on grants, noting that it has been a spectacular couple of years with grants for Bay Village.

Ms. Kerber advised that for the Cahoon Memorial Park Master Plan she noted that she started on the grant application for that project in August of 2018. Commencement means both the beginning and the end, so it is the commencement of the plan that is finalized, but it is just the beginning of the implementation. Ms. Kerber stated that she is excited about being involved in the process, and thanked Council for their time in considering the plan.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Ms. Maier** read the following statement:

Sara Byrnes Maier Statement of Appointment to Council At-Large Vacancy

My hope is that this statement clarifies some questions around my recent appointment to the at-large vacancy on City Council.

On Monday, December 6, 2020, at-large Councilmember Nancy Stainbrook formally announced her resignation from City Council, effective December 31, 2020. The application process for the at-large vacancy was set at this time by the President of Council and communicated broadly to the community by City Administration on Thursday, December 9. I had already had an interest in serving in an at-large capacity and thought about applying to the position but had questions of my ability to do so. I spoke to the City's Law Director on December 16 to determine if I could

apply and was told that there was nothing in the City Charter that prevented me from doing so, and so after much thought I submitted by application on December 23. While I did consider waiting until the fall general election to run for the at-large position, I decided that I would not want to run against a newly appointed Councilperson who would also then be my colleague.

I purposefully never reached out to my fellow Council members to inform them of my intent to apply for the position; their first knowledge that I had was when they received the packet of resumes of all applicants after the posting closed on December 23. I also never reached out to any of them to query them or ask for their support of my application.

I again talked to the City's Law Director on January 2 and discussed whether I needed to recuse myself from the interview and selection process. The City Charter reads, "Any vacancy in Council shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining members of Council." Because there is no provision as to how the process should work should a sitting member of Council seek the vacancy, it was ultimately my decision as to whether to participate in the selection process. I interpreted the Charter's wording to be that as one of the "remaining members of Council" I should vote. I also felt that since I was already seated on Council and there was a financial disincentive for me to apply – I would be taking a cut in my Council salary if appointed to the at-large position – this did not represent a gain from the appointment. I informed my fellow Council members via email on January 2 that I intended to participate in the selection process in accordance with the Charter.

My main motivation to move into the at-large position was so that I could be a direct representative of the entire community, not just Ward 3. In my position as Chair of the Planning, Zoning, Public Buildings and Grounds Committee of Council, I am leading development of several pieces of legislation that have the potential to uniquely and significantly impact all residents. While all members of Council participate in the legislative process, and there are opportunities for citizen participation in public meetings, I wanted to be able to talk to, gain input from, and represent all residents on these important issues without regard to ward boundaries, especially since they raise questions of private property rights. Opinions can differ on these topics based on where one lives in the city given things like varying lot sizes and development patterns. Going door-to-door across the city provides an opportunity to find out the views of more people to help inform this legislation.

My appointment to the at-large position was not prearranged and was not unanimous. I believe each of my colleagues works with great integrity and in the best interests of the community in their service on City Council. It was not my intent when applying to the vacancy to call this into question and so I apologize to each of them now as well as to applicants to the posting that have questioned this process.

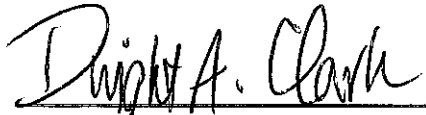
## **AUDIENCE**


There were no comments from the audience this evening.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further discussion this evening, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

  
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Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council