The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Diane Snider.

Mrs. Snider thanked everyone on behalf of Mrs. Teresi and herself for their confidence and their vote. If anyone would like to be on a particular Council committee, please let her know.

ROLL CALL:  
PRESENT:  Mr. Michael Ballistrea, Mr. Robert DeJohn,  
Mrs. Donna Finney, Mr. Donald Mann,  
Mrs. Susan Sabetta, Mrs. Diane Snider,  
Mrs. Gayle Teresi.

ABSENT:  None.

Also present were Mayor Anthony DiCicco, Law Director Paul T. Murphy, Director of Finance/Clerk of Council Karen Fegan and Deputy Clerk of Council Victoria Savage.

In attendance:  Police Chief Fred Bittner, Fire Chief Bruce Elliott, City Engineer Dan Gerson, Building Director Tom Jamieson, Service Director Tony Fatica, Recreation Director Sean Ward.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Ballistrea moved to suspend reading of the Council minutes of December 9, 2019, and approve as written, seconded by Mr. Mann. All in favor, except Mrs. Finney and Mrs. Teresi who abstained. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Mrs. Finney moved to suspend reading of the Special Council Meeting minutes of December 17, 2019, and approve as written, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. All in favor, except Mrs. Finney who abstained. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Finney reported that she had received several emails and telephone calls regarding the abundance of deer in our community. This is something that needs to be discussed in the future.

The Mayor stated that an infrared deer count was performed by helicopter about five or six years ago. At that time, the herd population was not large enough to take any action, but we can review the issue.

Mrs. Snider shared that there are a few cities that have pending legislation and we can look into it.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Mayor DiCicco:
I hope everyone had a happy and peaceful holiday. There were a few events that took place since we last met. The City’s holiday events are always so well attended, and I’d like to take this time to thank the commissions who work tirelessly to make the community events so great. The Parks and Recreation department put together 30 baskets for needy families in our community and funds generated from weddings I officiate along with donations and our officers conducting “stuff the cruiser” help make the project possible every year.

Last week a new Auxiliary Police Officer joined our force. We welcomed Dustin Paquette. Dustin will join the 22 men and women that provide services to our City. The auxiliary officers volunteer more than 2,500 hours to the City.

An interesting article on Cleveland.com recently reported the median home sale prices in Cuyahoga County, both in the City of Cleveland and the suburbs, are nearly back to where they were in 2007, before the housing bubble burst. Currently, our median home sale price in Mayfield Heights is $147,000, up from $140,000 last year.
On the agenda this evening is an ordinance authorizing me to enter into a new agreement with the Council of Governments (COG) that represents the Community Partnership on Aging (CPA). The agreement is required due to the addition of a new member, Richmond Heights. This is great news for the CPA as it further increases the ability to use economies of scale to bring needed services to our elderly residents. I want to congratulate CPA Director Wendy Sattin for seeing this through.

**Director of Law Murphy:** No report. Mr. Murphy stated that Exhibit A referenced in Ordinance 2020-1 pertaining to the agreement with the Council of Governments was distributed to the members this evening prior to this meeting. Mr. Murphy shared that an ordinance has been drafted modifying Chapter 1335 – Permits and Fees and that should be coming to Council in the near future. He recommended the ordinance be reviewed in the Legislative and/or Building Committees.

**Director of Finance Fegan:** No report.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

**Building Committee:** No report.

**Finance and Audit Committee:** No report.

**Legislative Committee:** No report.

**Public Works and Services Committee:** Mr. Ballistrea stated that he had previously reported on the Public Works & Service Committee meeting held on December 4. Mr. Ballistrea shared that copies of the meeting minutes have since been provided to the members. Mr. Ballistrea said that a PW&S Committee meeting should be called to finalize the guidelines for the implementation of the Sidewalk Repair Program for 2020. Mr. Ballistrea reported that Council has been provided with the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 6. As a result of the meeting, two motions have been brought forward for Council’s consideration this evening.

**Recreation and Parks Committee:** Mr. Manno provided information on the following events: *Taste of Italy*, Saturday, February 22, 6:30 – 10:30 pm at the Ross DeJohn Community Center. Cost is $30.00 and is open to all 21 years old and over. Price of admission includes an open bar, appetizers, and all you can eat pasta dinner complete with pasta, meatball, sausage, chicken cutlet, salad, roll plus our dessert table full of cakes, cookies, biscotti, tiramisu and so much more. Reservations can be made at the Parks and Recreation Department. The *Homemade Wine Contest* will be held again this year. Please submit your homemade wine to the Recreation Department by February 19 to be entered into the contest.

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** Mrs. Sabetta stated that there is one item on this evening’s agenda. Mrs. Sabetta encouraged the applicant to address Council during public portion. Mrs. Sabetta reported that the BZA will be meeting Tuesday, January 14 in Council Chambers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mel Kroot, 5840 Cantwell Drive commended the City of Mayfield on one of the wonderful things that they do. They send someone out to change batteries in the smoke detectors. He feels that a lot of people are unaware of what the City does for them and he thinks that they should be commended and honored for what they do. He shared that he is concerned about the paving of his street. His street was to be paved five years ago. He tried contacting the City Engineer to find out if the area off of Lander is going to be repaved in 2020. He said there are a lot of ruts and they do not look good. It has been a long time since that area has been repaved.

Patrick Manning, 1557 Woodrow Avenue encouraged the Council to seek the best practices on how to handle the issue of deer culling.
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1: “A Resolution confirming the intention of the City of Mayfield Heights to sell property that is unneeded, obsolete or unfit for City purposes via Internet Auctions and authorizing the use of certain representative websites to conduct the Internet Auctions.” Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only. Mr. Ballistrea moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Manno, Ballistrea, DeJohn, Sabetta, Teresi, Snider, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mrs. Sabetta moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Teresi. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: DeJohn, Snider, Teresi, Ballistrea, Manno, Sabetta, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2: “A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Painesville Dek Hockey Ltd., for the purpose of providing the City of Mayfield Heights with additional recreational activities within the City and declaring an emergency.” Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only. Mr. Manno moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Teresi, Sabetta, Finney, Manno, DeJohn, Ballistrea, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mr. Ballistrea moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. Mrs. Snider stated that Council had received information from the Recreation Director regarding this resolution. Mr. DeJohn asked what is dek hockey? Recreation Director Sean Ward responded that it is just a plastic surface that allows hockey to be played in the summertime. It will be located down by the basketball courts. You play 3-on-3 and the players wear tennis shoes. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Ballistrea, Teresi, Sabetta, DeJohn, Finney, Manno, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3: “A Resolution confirming the action of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Mayfield Heights in granting to Marie E. Bellini, 1140 Eastwood Avenue, a variance to widen the driveway on said property by 18 inches on each side to provide a total width of 11 feet between the garage and the sidewalk (Cuyahoga County Permanent Parcel No. 861-04-048).” Mr. Murphy read the resolution by title only. Mrs. Finney moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Finney, DeJohn, Manno, Ballistrea, Sabetta, Teresi, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mrs. Manno moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Teresi. Mrs. Snider stated that all members were copied with the BZA minutes. Mrs. Sabetta explained that the applicant came to the BZA due to a point of sale driveway cement violation. It is an 8-foot driveway, and a 45-foot frontage. Ordinance 1389.03A denied it due to the that fact that it was not a 50-foot frontage. Mr. Sabetta shared that the applicant had explained that there will be two cars and that there is an elderly member living in the home, a new owner resident and there is a trip hazard. The Committee saw this as a practical difficulty. It was a unanimous approval and all members were present. Roll Call on motion as stated: AYES: Sabetta, Manno, Ballistrea, Teresi, Finney, DeJohn, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The resolution is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1: “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with a Council of Governments composed of the cities of South Euclid, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights and Richmond Heights, and the Village
of Mayfield, providing for the continuation of the Community Partnership on Aging, and declaring an emergency." Mr. Murphy read the ordinance by title only. Mrs. Sabetta moved for suspension of the rules, seconded by Mr. Ballistrea. Roll Call on motion as stated:  

AYES: Manno, Ballistrea, DeJohn, Sabetta, Teresi, Finney, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mrs. Teresi moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Sabetta. The Mayor shared that it is great to add another city partner to the Council of Governments to be able to be a larger entity for grant purposes. It will be better for all the cities involved. Mr. Ballistrea asked if this would change any financial matters from one city to another. The Mayor replied that it would be divided exactly how it was. Roll Call on motion as stated:  

AYES: DeJohn, Finney, Teresi, Ballistrea, Manno, Sabetta, Snider. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The ordinance is adopted.

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MOTIONS:

A. Mrs. Teresi seconded by Mr. Ballistrea moved to approve a digital changeable copy ground sign for Temple Israel Ner Tamid at 1732 Lander Road. Mr. Ballistrea stated that Council was provided minutes from the Planning Commission. The Temple Israel is requesting permission to install a ground sign with electric messages. Rabbi Eisenberg was very gracious in saying that he would be a good neighbor as far as sign illumination and hours of operation and would comply with our code. The sign is approximately 8 foot by 3 foot. The Commission by a unanimous decision granted approval for the digital changeable ground sign to be placed on Lander Road. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Mrs. Teresi seconded by Mr. Manno to approve a preliminary site plan for Landerbrook Professional Center, a 24,360 sq. ft. medical office building at 29111 Cedar Road. Mr. Ballistrea reminded everyone that the area had been rezoned next to the Post Office on Landerbrook and Cedar. There was an extensive traffic study performed due to the traffic on Landerbrook and Cedar. Mr. Ballistrea encouraged the members of Council to review the plans. It is a beautiful building for the location. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the preliminary site plan. Roll Call on motion as stated:  

AYES: Ballistrea, Teresi, Sabetta, DeJohn, Snider, Manno, Finney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS; COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Mrs. Sabetta shared that the BZA Chairman requested due to several BZA appeals, that she forward to Council an amendment of Ordinance 1369 03A. Chairman Kramer’s discussion is in the December 10 meeting minutes concerning the 50-foot frontage lots. Mrs. Sabetta said she would forward this request to Council in resolution form and that she will be working with Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Murphy.

The Mayor appointed Mrs. Sabetta to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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Mr. Ballistrea moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Teresi. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Approved:

Diane M. Snider 
Council President

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Savage, CMC 
Deputy Clerk of Council