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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

Present: Council President David Greenspan; Councilmembers Duane Van Dyke (arrived at 7:03), Nick Nunnari, Dennis Sullivan, Mike O'Donnell, Amy Havelka and Mark Getsay.

Also present: Mayor Clough; Law Director Mike Maloney; Finance Director Prashant Shah; Recreation Director Paula Horner; Engineering Director Bob Kelly; Recreation Commission members Dale Smith (Chairman), Lynda Appel, Marcie Finney and Bob Loesch; Recreation Facilities and Grounds Manager Bill Beech; Recreation Manager Richie Brown; Westlake City Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Goggin and other members of the school board; Cuyahoga County Planning Commissioner Dan Meaney (via telephone).

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

I. Discuss recreation plans.

Westlake Schools Superintendent Dr. Goggin began by reviewing the proposed joint project of a premier baseball complex to meet the district's and the city's needs and maximize opportunities for the residents. He addressed comments and questions from Councilmembers regarding the number of parking spaces at the high school, the shared use agreement and its terms and cost, as well as the benefits of the project. There were concerns about the efficient use of assets, the return on investment, and safety and liability issues. Other items discussed included scheduling, construction, maintenance, overall cost and the timeline. Councilmembers and the administration were supportive of the idea and praised the good working relationship between the city and the schools. The Mayor and the school board will continue to work out the details of the agreement for a future presentation to Council.

II. Discuss ward redistricting.

Mr. Meaney reviewed the Charter requirements and criteria for ward redistricting. He used 2020 census data plus certificates of occupancy and demolition permits issued from April 2020 through August 2022 to determine an estimated population and ward proportions. He explained in detail how they arrived at the new ward boundaries and answered questions from Councilmembers. There were concerns about voter confusion and discouragement as a result of moving people from one ward to another. Much

discussion ensued about various alternate scenarios. Law Director Maloney was instructed to determine an occupancy permit cut-off date for inclusion in the new wards, and Councilmembers were to study the charts to come up with alternates in the next month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David S. Greenspan
Chair



Denise L. Rosenbaum, MMC
Clerk of Council