

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2015

PRESENT: President of Council Gallo, Council Members Everett, Koch, Verdile, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole and Clerk of Council Bohdan.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny, Director of Finance & Personnel Hickey, Director of Public Service Patten, City Engineer Neff, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin, and Director of Recreation Moran.

Council President called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 Council meeting.

Aye: Koch, Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

Abstain: McCall

JANUARY 12, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 Special Council meeting.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole, Everett and Koch

Nay: Council President Gallo abstained

JANUARY 20, 2015 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 1/6/2015 through 1/16/2015 to be \$907,055.84. (report attached)

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues related to Employment and Compensation of Public Employees.

Aye: Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole, Everett, Koch and Verdile

Nay: None

COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:04 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Thomas Moran, Director of Recreation

- Registration for the new session of Yoga, which runs 3/9/2015 to 4/13/2015, has begun. Cost for the 6-week session is \$40 and space is limited.
- Cassidy Theatre will present "9 to 5" from 2/6/2015 through 2/22/2015.
- Valley Forge Pool is open to the public on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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- Soccer sign-up will be on January 29, 2015 and February 3, 2015 at NEO Soccer from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Councilwoman Everett asked Director Moran if he is looking to add another Yoga class. Director Moran said he is in discussions with the instructor about an additional class.

Brent Collins, Director of Public Safety

- No report in the absence of Director Collins

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- No report.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- Applying to the Solid Waste District for a Recycling Grant worth up to \$5000. If awarded the grant, the monies would be used for a Recycling newsletter, two (2) recycling stations, two (2) Shred-It events and a composter with the total cost amounting to \$4863.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked Director Sebes to describe a recycling station. Director Sebes explained that the recycling station is an all-in-one container that is divided into three item specific sections, glass, plastics and mixed materials.

Councilman Stavole asked Director Sebes if there would be any cost to the city and the Director responded that there would not be a cost to the city.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- In the next couple of weeks, ODOT will begin to advertise for bids for the North Church Bridge project.

Councilman Stavole asked Engineer Neff when construction would begin on this project. Engineer Neff explained that bidding would take approximately a month and then the award would take another month so he was looking at the April timeframe.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department continues to maintain the roads during the snowfall with plenty of salt available.
- Crews continue to fill potholes that develop from the freezing and thawing.
- There have been nine (9) water breaks in the city this year. Cleveland Water has been quick to respond to the breaks.

Councilwoman DeSouza commended the Service Department and Cleveland Water on the quick response to the water break on her street. She also noted that the Service Department has done an excellent job in maintaining the roads during the recent snowfall.

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Councilman McCall's wife had asked him to thank the Service Department for clearing the sidewalks on Snow Road with the bombardier as she walks that street daily.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No Report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- A representative from Simple Recycling will be at the next Mayor's Caucus to explain their program. It is another level of recycling that we can offer the residents with no cost to the city or the residents.

LEGISLATION

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to read the following Ordinance by title only.

Aye: McCall, DeSouza, Stavole, Everett, Koch, Verdile and Gallo

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREATER CLEVELAND AUTO AUCTION, PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to suspend the rules.

Aye: DeSouza, Stavole, Everett, Koch, Verdile, Gallo and McCall

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Stavole explained the ordinance would allow the city to dispose of the 2001 Chevy Impala and the 1971 Layton Roller, which are becoming too costly to maintain.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to adopt the Ordinance.

Aye: Stavole, Everett, Koch, Verdile, Gallo, McCall and DeSouza

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-3

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to read the following Ordinance by title only.

Aye: Everett, Koch, Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza and Stavole

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Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BELFOR PROPERTY RESTORATION FOR THE REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CITY HALL, OBVIATING ANY FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN ARTICLE V SECTION 6 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CHARTER, AND SECTION 145.08 AND 145.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to suspend the rules.

Aye: Koch, Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman McCall explained that this Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into the contract with Belfor to start the renovations of City Hall.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adopt the Ordinance.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole, Everett and Koch

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-4

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Gallo reminded the audience if they have a question or concern to stand, state their name and address and direct their concerns to her.

No comments by the audience.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn.

Aye: Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole, Everett, Koch and Verdile

Nay: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:52 P.M.

Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President