

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members McCall, Everett, Verdile, 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.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Koch

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gallo at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and after a moment of silence in honor of Veteran's Day.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to excuse Councilwoman Koch.

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

Nay: None

**COUNCILWOMAN KOCH EXCUSED ABSENCE.**

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2015 Council meeting.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo and McCall

Nay: None

Abstain: DeSouza and Everett

**OCTOBER 26, 2015 COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 10/22/2015 through 11/5/2015 to be \$596,103.95. (detailed report attached)

Thomas Moran, Director of Recreation

- The Flag Football and Soccer programs have finished up for the year. Soccer Appreciation night will be Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the N.E.O. Soccer facility.
- The Recreation Department will once again offer open swim at Valley Forge High School starting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 through April 26, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A new session for the Yoga/Pilates class starts on Monday, November 16, 2015 and there are a few openings available.
- The Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 5 p.m. at the Gazebo. The Recreation Department is asking for candy or cash donations, which will be used for the goody bags that are distributed to the children as they visit with Santa.
- The Cassidy Theatre will be presenting "The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" from November 20, 2015 through December 6, 2015.

Councilman Stavole asked Director Moran when the candy/cash donations deadline was, the Director replied Friday, November 13, 2015.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- No report.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- ODOT is projecting the North Church Bridge project to be completed around December 1<sup>st</sup> with painting and staining to follow when the weather is better.

Councilman Stavole asked if the painting was going to be put off until spring and Engineer Neff replied that most likely it would be.

Councilman Verdile asked if it is the County's responsibility to paint the bridges. Engineer Neff replied the County will do major projects to bridges in cooperation with the cities and state but it is the City's responsibility to maintain the bridges.

Councilman McCall asked if this was at a cost to the City and Engineer Neff replied it was.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- Service Department has three crews out picking up leaves. Director Patten explained that they will update the website daily to keep residents informed on the location of weekly pick ups.

Councilman McCall thanked Director Patten for the Stumph Road work that was done. The Councilman explained that the street looks so much better.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of the Mayor's Court activity for October was reported. The total amount transferred into the City's general checking account from court activity was \$36,788.31. (detailed report attached)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor congratulated Councilmen Stavole, McCall and Verdile on their re-election to council and looks forward to working with them in the coming years. The Mayor also acknowledged and thanked Doug Schuster for the positive campaign that he ran. The Mayor appreciated the effort that Mr. Schuster put into his campaign and publically asked him if he would be interested in serving on a Board or Commission when a seat opens up. Mr. Schuster replied that he would.
- The Mayor reviewed the campaign against Issue #91. He had said it was the most important and decisive issue the City has faced. The Mayor wanted to thank Council for their contributions and commitment to getting the positive message out to the residents. He also thanked the residents

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who helped in the campaign, Roger and Pat Pekarek, Cindy Rosko, Dale Maxwell and Fred Koch. The Mayor reiterated that this campaign took a team effort and was grateful for all who helped. He also looks forward to working with the firefighters to resolve their issues through the proper channels.

- The Mayor announced that all departments should be moved back into City Hall by the end of November. He thanked Council and the residents that attend the Council meetings on a regular basis for their patience.

Councilman Verdile thanked Doug Schuster for the positive campaign he ran for a council-at-large seat.

**LEGISLATION**

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to read the following ordinance by title only.

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

Nay: None

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilman Verdile read AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2015 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilwoman DeSouza read A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, THE QUESTION OF COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 618.16 HUNTING PROHIBITED OF CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS OF PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO AUTHORIZE A NUISANCE ABATEMENT INITIATIVE FOR BOTH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF THE WHITE-TAILED DEER POPULATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTIGUOUS, ADJOINING, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THAT OPT TO ADOPT A SIMILAR PLAN FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION DATE THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Desouza to read the following ordinance by title only.

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

Nay: None

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 194 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to reading the following ordinance by title only.

Aye: Stavole, Everett, Verdile, Gallo, McCall and DeSouza  
Nay: None

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR PETROLEUM FUELS AND LUBRICANTS, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

Aye: Everett, Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza and Stavole  
Nay: None

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman Stavole explained that this ordinance was a housekeeping item to allow the Director of Public Service to go out for bids on petroleum and lubricants and to allow the Mayor to enter into the contract.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to adopt this ordinance.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole and Everett  
Nay: None

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2015-39.**

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to read the following resolution by title only.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole, and Everett  
Nay: None

**RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

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Councilman Verdile read A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE PERPETUAL RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE OPERATION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF SEWERS, SERVICE CONNECTIONS, PIPES AND APPURTENANCES INSTALLED THROUGH, IN AND UNDER THE REAL PREMISES KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 473-19-008 THROUGH 010 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman Verdile explained that this resolution grants an easement for storm sewer work to be done on the mentioned property.

Council President Gallo asked if there were any questions from the audience. Dale Maxwell asked where the property was located. Engineer Neff replied that it is the property behind The Whip Restaurant. There have been ongoing problems for the last 10 years.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to adopt this resolution.

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

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION IS NO. 2015-11**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Gallo reminded the audience if they have a comment to stand, state their name, address and city if they live outside of Parma Heights and there is a three-minute limit to speak. All comments and questions will be directed to the Council President.

Marcia Smith, 6777 Greenleaf Avenue, complimented the Service Department on the great job they have been doing on picking up the leaves, especially trucks #16 and #21. She also expressed a concern about not receiving the City newsletter when the City is paying for the delivery. The Mayor explained that this has been brought to his attention and his office is looking into the problem.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn the meeting.

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Aye: DeSouza, Stavole, Everett, Verdile, Gallo and McCall  
Nay: None

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p .m.**



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President