

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2017

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members Koch, Everett, Danczak, McCall, Stavole and Clerk of Council Bohdan

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny, Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey, Asst. Law Director Schneider, 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: Councilman Verdile

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to excuse the absence of Councilman Verdile.

Aye: McCall, Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

COUNCILMAN VERDILE EXCUSED FROM THE MARCH 13, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2017 Council meeting.

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett and McCall

Nay: None

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 2/23/2017 through 3/9/2017 to be \$481,701.70. (detailed report attached)

Councilwoman Koch gave a report of the March 6, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. (report attached)

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball/Softball and Girls Sand Volleyball sign-ups took place the last two Saturdays. Registration is ongoing at City Hall or online.
- Cassidy Theatre will present the production of "Titanic" from April 7th through April 23rd.
- Valley Forge Open Swim on Tuesdays will run through April 25th.
- Sign-ups for the Yoga class that will begin April 25th are being taken.
- Director Moran may have a yoga instructor to do a class on another day.

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Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- On March 20th, Anthem Blue Shield Blue Cross will make a presentation at the Senior Center on the plans they offer seniors.
- On March 21st, the Senior Center will transport seniors to the Parma Heights Baptist Church for a free community dinner. Director McLaughlin explained that this is a popular monthly event and the Senior Center needs two vehicles to transport those attending.

Councilwoman Koch asked how many people do the buses hold. Director McLaughlin explained that they hold 12 seated but can also fit two wheelchairs in a bus.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- On February 25th, the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce had their gala event and they recognized Fratello's Pizza in Parma Heights with the Pride Award.
- Two businesses in Parma Heights will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in Parma Heights, ABC Rental will celebrate on June 1st and Jerry the Tailor will be on July 2nd.
- Director Sebes announced that the City received notification on the awards of the following grants:
 - Community Development Block Grant - \$150,000 – Beresford Resurfacing
 - Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant - \$50,000 – exterior renovations of Cassidy Theatre
 - Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District - \$5,000 – Recycling Newsletter
- Director Sebes thanked all those involved with drafting the grants for submittal.

Councilman McCall asked when they thought work would start on the renovations at the Cassidy Theatre and the Beresford resurfacing project. Director Sebes explained the process but he expected sometime around the beginning of May for both projects.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- No report.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- No report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of Mayor's Court activity for February was reported. The total amounts transferred into the City's general checking account from Court activities was \$28,685.54. (see attached report)

Mayor Michael Byrne

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- No report.

LEGISLATION

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

Aye: Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett, McCall and Danczak

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Koch read AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$550,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTING STUMPH ROAD FROM SNOW ROAD TO PEARL ROAD, INCLUDING BY INSTALLING SANITARY AND STORM SEWER LINES AND STORM DRAINAGE FACILITIES, WHERE NECESSARY, AND MAKING ALL RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Council President Gallo stated that the Council Office is in receipt of the Fiscal Officer's Certificate.

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

Aye: Koch, Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak and Gallo

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSE AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2017 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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.

Pat Pekarek, 11661 Appleton, gave an update on the reports of the committees to the School Board. There is a link on the School Boards website to read the complete report by each committee. Mrs. Pekarek gave the highlights of the committee's reports.

One committee suggested that there should be term limits for School Board members.

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The committee proposed a new way to fund computers for the students. This is an important idea because this is part of the cause of why the financial crisis occurred.

The question was asked "why isn't there a consolidation plan", why can't the school district move forward.

A response to why there isn't a consolidation plan is because the board would need to know what they would be moving into. The average age of the school buildings is 70 to 90 years old. Can those buildings sustain the additional use of consolidating a number of schools.

The Ohio Facilities Construction Committee will analyze the condition of the school district's buildings with no cost to the district.

Once the Board receives the review from the Committee, they can decide to move forward with rebuilding. There is a state reimbursement program. The state reimburse \$.20 to \$.30 on the dollar for construction projects.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation.

Aye: Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Gallo and Koch

Nay: None

COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AT 8:16 P.M.

Council reconvenes from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Stavole, Koch, Gallo, Everett, Danczak and McCall

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President