

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Byrne, Law Director Pokorny, Director of Finance Iaconis, Director of Public Service Patten, Engineer Neff, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of Recreation Tal and Assistant Law Director Schneider.

ABSENT: Councilman Verdile.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gallo at 8:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Aye: McCall, Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett
Nay: None

COUNCILMAN VERDILE IS EXCUSED FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to amend the agenda and remove Item #10.

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett and McCall
Nay: None

ITEM #10 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve the November 25, 2019 Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Danczak, Koch, Stavole, Everett and McCall
Nay: None
Abstain: Gallo

NOVEMBER 25, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Joe Tal, Director of Recreation

- The Recreation Department will be offering Zumba for 7 weeks.
- The Recreation Department booked two movies for next summer, June 27, 2020 the Adams Family movie will be shown and on August 1, 2020 A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.

- The Recreation Department will start up an Umpires Program again for the summer.

Councilman Stavole asked on the umpire program is there age restrictions, Director Tal replied it is 15 and up.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, Engineer

- On December 11th, they will be drilling for soil samples at Nathan Hale.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- No report.

Councilman McCall thanked the Service Department for extending the leaf pick-up.

Councilman Stavole asked how long leaf pick-up would be going on, Director Patten replied he would like to end it Friday, December 13th, but he will evaluate it on Friday.

Katie Iaconis, Director of Finance and Personnel

- The Finance Department is working to get Council up to date on the end of 2019 appropriations. She stated if Council would like additional information on the 2020 Temporary Budget, please let her know.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor informed Council that two former employees recently passed away, Myron Kronenburger, who served on Council and Ed Benedict, a former employee of the Service Department.
- The Parma City Schools will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 6 p.m. at Parma High School, which will provide updated information on the school consolidation.
- Chief Scharschmidt asked to encourage Council and residents that would like to learn more about law enforcement, the Parma Heights Police Department in conjunction with Tri-C is providing a Citizens Police Academy. This will be an 11-week program from January 15, 2020 through April 20, 2020; it is a three-hour class from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be held at Tri-C Public Safety Training Center. For more information, contact Captain Brown in the Police Department.
- As of last Friday, December 6th, Pat Finneran was sworn-in as Fire Chief.

- The Mayor gave a special thanks to Rick Haase, he writes a column for the Parma Observer; the Mayor also thanked Mark Davis, the Baseball Commissioner, he donated all the holiday decorations on City Hall as well as decorating the building.
- The Mayor read a proclamation honoring Councilman Jim McCall. (proclamation attached).

Councilman McCall commented that he would like to thank his family for being here, his wife Therese, my daughter Kate, my son Brian and his wife Allison and my son Kevin. When he went on this journey it was about the City, the people and it still is about the people. I wanted it to be a good City and a great place to live, we raised our kids here and we are hoping to raise our grandkids here. Brian and Allison purchased a house in Parma Heights, if it wasn't for Therese, who keeps me grounded, I married into the City and I'm glad I did. Thank you I really appreciate it. He was glad to see a lot of former councilmembers. Councilman McCall stated that one of the things about Council is that we are individuals and we all have our own opinions in the way we see things and one of the things he told his friend that everyone sees the world from a different set of eyes and they have a different opinion on what they do and what they believe is right. He stated that he always tried to do what he believed was right. He is sure the new members will all do the same and the City will be in good hands.

- The Mayor stated that this is also Councilman Verdile's last meeting and he has committed to attend a meeting as soon as possible and the Mayor would like to present him with a proclamation and gift at that time.
- The Mayor wished everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LEGISLATION

Councilman Stavole 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.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 145.04, 145.05 AND 145.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

Aye: Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Gallo and Koch
Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-36.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to read the following ordinance by title only.

Aye: Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Gallo and Koch
Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 179.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to suspend the rules.

Aye: Everett, McCall, Danczak, Gallo, Koch and Stavole
Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Everett explained effective January 1, 2020, vacation leave for all full-time employees shall be computed on the full-time months actually employed. The rate that vacation leave accrues shall depend upon the number of years of total service for the City as a full-time employee.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to adopt this ordinance.

Aye: McCall, Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett
Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-37.

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

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett and McCall
Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS BY AMENDING SECTION 121.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to suspend the rules.

Aye: Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett, McCall and Danczak
Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to adopt this ordinance.

Aye: Koch, Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak and Gallo
Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-38.

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

Aye: Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Gallo and Koch
Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XI SECTION 10 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to suspend the rules.

Aye: Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Gallo and Koch
Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-39.

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD OF THREE READINGS.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to adopt this ordinance.

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40.

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 will be directed to the Council President.

Rick Schwachenwald, 6841 Commonwealth Blvd, "I first met Jim back in 2001, he was running for Council and I was running for Mayor, obviously neither one of us got there, two years later we both ran for Council, I made it Jim didn't. Two years after that Jim made it on. I only served with Jim for two years but between those two years, we became really good friends to this day. I always look forward to Jim's opinions, I always like to tell Jim, Jim responded, "I'm the rule follower and you are the rule breaker." Mr. Schwachenwald continued, "I'm the rule breaker and he is the rule follower. I try to get him to break them once in a while, it never happens; he tries to make me be good, that rarely happens, so we still get along. I think that Jim is a good, honest,

kind-hearted, smart and caring person and he makes me a better person as well. Jim didn't run for money or to advance his political career or settle a vendetta, Jim ran because he cared. Jim became a councilmember to be part of his community and to make that community better. I always felt better knowing Jim was looking out, for not only the residents of his ward but also all residents of the City of Parma Heights. His leadership and knowledge will be greatly missed by all the residents of the City."

Ralph Kolasinski, 5855 Doxmere Drive, "thank you Jim for your kind assistance to me, your friendship, it was greatly appreciated and I truly believe that this City is better for having you on Council."

Councilman McCall commented, "I just like to add seeing a lot of the people that I have served with, one of the things I say is looking back when other people were on Council and I sat on the other side, I thought it was easy, then you realize that there are a lot of other things that go in play with budgets and dollars and everything else but the one thing that you can always do is be a good listener. Listen to what somebody's complaint is or there is a challenge or whatever. I'm looking at Donna (Marchese) because I remember Donna, you were on City Council for how many years, Ms. Marchese responded, 12 years, and when there was a challenge on the street, I remember you being on our street, this persons not happy that persons not happy, being that conduit to the residents. Even though sometimes you don't have the ability to get it done, just to listen is important. I want to thank all of you that served and as you raise your right hand, as I told you Anthony (Stavole) what happens when you raise your right hand, people tend to think you don't know what you are doing, that's OK because that's what makes government great is because people are here watching and asking questions."

Kate McCall, 5924 Calamie Drive, "I am Councilman McCall's daughter, the oldest McCall child. I just, I will probably get a little teary eye as well, but I just wanted to thank my dad for setting a good example for us in the future. I remember as a high school freshman my dad ran for Council for the first time and there was a house on Queens that had a McCall sign in it and every day in Algebra (she went to Holy Name) I had my teachers ask me if he was related to me and I said yes that's my dad he is running for City Council. Pretty soon, most of the kids at Holy Name knew that was part of me. Ultimately, I wasn't in high school when my dad won, third time was a charm for him; I was a college freshman so those first few years of his tenure here, I was outside of the City. I moved back for about 10 years now and when I go over to East Coast and people would stop me and say, "You are Councilman McCall's daughter aren't you," I'm sure my brothers had those instances as well, but we are very proud of him, we are very proud of the community we live in and we are happy to be residents of this City, I continue to be and my brother Brian and Allison will be and Kevin was and we appreciate the opportunities that everyone in this City has given us. We grew up playing sports here, we grew up riding our bikes to Greenbrier, and it is a great City to raise a family in so really appreciate that opportunity. Thank you Dad for being there for us."

Alex Johnson, 3302 Sandlewood, Brunswick, "I don't have anything prepared but take a look around this room here and see how many people came out just for you tonight. This is a tribute to the person you really are. I really want to roast you a little bit and have some fun but there is life after public service, you can now watch the Bachelorette, the Bachelor in real time. I'm sure there is plenty to do on the "honey do list" and you can come back to Council meetings and harass all the members. You took the time to talk to me when I was just a kid, we would have conversations and you treated me as an adult, I was only 18 years old at the time, you would talk to me, as I was an equal. That was so amazing to me and that has always stuck with me. I am here for you tonight and I just want to applaud you again for the guy that you are."

Bob Sepik, 6867 Parma Park Blvd, "I want to thank you for supporting me all the times that you have and you have done a great job for the City."

Lesley DeSouza, 6245 Springwood Road, "there is nothing I can add after all these guys, it is a hard act to follow, thank you, you were a great mentor and you are a great friend, we had a lot of deep conversations and I just want you to know how much I appreciated all your help when I was on Council."

Councilman McCall commented, "I just want to say that I like to talk so and I'm also a good listener."

Council President Gallo stated, "thank you Jim, you will be missed."

Councilman McCall stated, "it has been a pleasure serving."

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to adjourn.

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

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President