

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2017

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members Koch, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Verdile, 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 Housing, Building & Recycling Teresi, City Engineer Neff, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin and Director of Recreation Moran

ABSENT: Director of Public Service Patten

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Byrne swore-in Bryan Miller as a Patrolman in the Parma Heights Police Department. He will begin his training on June 5, 2017. In attendance were his wife, Danielle, his 3 children, his mother-in-law and his sister-in-law.

Chief Teel commented that it is quite an accomplishment to get to this point and he believes the Bryan will be a huge asset to the department with his eight years of military experience. The Chief also recognized his family for their support and encouragement in this process.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve the April 24, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

APRIL 24, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the May 8, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Stavole

MAY 8, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 4/28/2017 through 5/12/2017 to be \$677,364.66. (detailed report attached)

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Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball/Softball opening day is Saturday, June 3rd.
- Opening day for the pool is Friday, June 9th. Passes may be purchased at City Hall, online or at the pool starting June 9th.
- Soccer season has started.
- Cassidy Theatre will present the production of *"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"* from June 9th through June 25th.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- The Senior Center will transport seniors and veterans to the Memorial Day Parade.
- Starting in June, the first Sunday of the month the Senior Center will transport seniors to church or elsewhere within the City between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- A letter and questionnaire was sent to the residents that were affected by the recent flooding. The responses have started to be returned. Neff & Associates has an intern that is mapping the locations and compiling the information received. Mr. Neff and the administration will continue to review possible remedies for future relief.
- The County is continuing to clean the storm sewers and catch basins throughout the City.
- The County and the City continue to explore possible issues that are causing the sinkholes on Parkhill. The County recently televised the area and found some very old drain tiles that are well below the storm system that may be causing the sinkholes. The next step will be die testing and then some excavating to see how the problem can be resolved. Hopefully, with the County's help we will be able to correct this problem.

Councilman McCall asked Engineer Neff if he has been in contact with the residents in that area to let them know what is happening. Engineer Neff said he has not but his office will follow up with them and keep them informed on the process.

Michelle Teresi, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling

- The City held its first Shred-It Day of the year on Saturday, May 13th and 6628 lbs. of materials were collected.
- The City also held its 2nd Annual Hazardous Waste Disposal event on May 13th and collected 4114 lbs. of materials.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor attended the 8th Annual Military Appreciation Day at Incarnate Word Academy. It was a daylong event that promoted a patriotic spirit for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.
- This year will mark the 150th consecutive Memorial Day observance, which is a joint celebration between Parma South Presbyterian Church and the City of Parma Heights. The featured speaker will be WEWS Channel 5 news anchor Leon Bibb, a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.
- The Mayor acknowledged the great success of the Garden Club's Spring Garden Sale, which was held on Saturday, May 13th. He recognized Councilwoman Renee Everett and thanked her for coordinating this event.

LEGISLATION

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Everett read AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 634 PROPERTY NUISANCES, REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 634 NUISANCES, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-14 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF TWO READINGS.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Everett explained that the Department of Public Services established the procedures for abatement of nuisances, in order to prevent blight in residential and other areas, which impair or adversely affect the value of neighboring properties.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve this ordinance.

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2017-11.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,995,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING CARDINAL AVENUE AND ADJOINING STREETS, TO BE LOCATED ON PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT OF THE INTERSECTION OF PEARL ROAD AND WEST 130TH STREET, BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING PUBLIC SANITARY SEWERS; STORM SEWERS; WATER MAINS; STREET LIGHTING; CONCRETE CURBS; ASPHALT PAVEMENT; SIDEWALKS; TRAFFIC SIGNALS; AND OTHER UTILITY LINES; ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, 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.

Brad Landa, 6619 Big Creek Parkway, voiced a complaint about the Police Department. He was approached by a couple of officers; the one not in uniform would not identify himself. He felt they were disrespectful. He also had concerns about the April flooding. Mr. Landa stated that his house had never flooded before that storm. Engineer Neff said he would speak to him after the meeting regarding the flooding.

Greg McKinney, 6809 Maplewood, asked if the City had someone who could help him relocate a black bird nest that has been built on his patio. The birds are a nuisance. Council President Gallo explained it is the homeowners responsibility for issues on their property; the City does not have anyone to help him with that situation. Mr. McKinney asked if the nuisance ordinance that was passed this evening would help to move situations through the Parma Court system quicker. The ongoing issue on Maplewood was sent to Parma Court and it has stalled. Council President Gallo explained the court process to him.

Terry Orchaki, 10980 Vicksburg Drive, expressed her concerns about the Goldberg property that abuts her property. They built a mound as a buffer between the properties and covered it with ground cover and pine trees to help with erosion. The landscape company came and were told to kill the vegetation on the mound. Mrs. Orchaki feels if the ground cover is removed, the dirt and debris from the trees will end up in her yard. She also complained about the lack of property maintenance by the management company.

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Director Teresi stated that Flo Zimmerman, the Rental Property Inspector, would speak with the manager of the facility and inform them of your concerns and the issues that need to be addressed. Director Teresi asked Mrs. Orchaki to leave her phone number so she can follow up with her.

Councilman Verdile stated that he is also a resident that abuts up to the Goldberg property and confirms Mrs. Orchaki's complaints. He noted that the contract with the management company states that if a tree dies it would be replaced and they do not comply with the contract on that issue. Councilman Verdile acknowledged that he has attempted to contact the building manager to discuss the property issues and the manager has not returned calls.

Francis Weakland, 6928 Maplewood Road, explained that he met with Director Patten and Engineer Onyak and walked the Cornerstone property. Mr. Weakland asked if the property is going to be developed. Director Pokorny explained that Wells Fargo owns the property and developers have inquired about developing the property. If that would happen, it would be a long process. Director Pokorny stated that hopefully the property would be developed. Mr. Weakland then stated that a 60" black pipe was placed on the Cornerstone property to help alleviate flooding in their backyards from a swale that runs along the residents' property. The pipe is blocked and it is lifted out of the ground. The backyards are flooding and he stated that he would like the pipe removed and the swale back. Engineer Neff explained that the pipe needs to be replaced. He would speak to Director Patten about citing the owners because they haven't replaced the pipe. Engineer Neff stated that taking the pipe out and putting the swale back could be a temporary solution until the pipe is replaced. Mr. Weakland stated the property is in total disrepair.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President