

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 8, 2017

**PRESENT:** Council President Gallo, Council Members Koch, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Verdile 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 Stavole

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Nay: None

**COUNCILMAN STAVOLE IS EXCUSED FROM THE MAY 8, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Approval of the minutes from the April 24, 2017 Council meeting were tabled. Councilman McCall is not shown as present at that meeting. Correction will be made and request for approval will be made at the May 22, 2017 Council meeting.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 4/21/2017 through 4/27/2017 to be \$532,682.85. (detailed report attached)

The City sponsored The 2nd Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest organized by Michelle Teresi. The Mayor recognized the winners of the contest, which was open to all students' grades 3 through 5. The Mayor thanked Michelle for the work she did to make this a successful event. The objective of the contest was to have the children show "Why is a Tree Important to Me?"

The fourth grade winner of the poster contest was Cooper Hughes and the fifth grade winner was Neeharika Suvvari. Both winners are students at Incarnate Word Academy.

Both students received a trophy and a prize bag with gifts that were donated from local businesses. The businesses that contributed were Dunkin Donuts, East Coast Custard, Education Avenue, McDonald's, Penn Station, Yorktown Lanes and Neal Quint from Quality Trophies.

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Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball/Softball started May 1<sup>st</sup>. The department held their annual Hit, Pitch and Run contest with 40 participants competing.
- This session of Yoga started and the class is full.
- Soccer season has started.
- Pool Registration for passes, lessons and swim team will take place at City Hall on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until noon.

Councilwoman Everett asked when the sand volleyball program would start. Director Moran replied it will start when school is out. She also asked if a Yoga class has been scheduled on another night. Director Moran replied that they would be scheduling an additional class in the fall but it might be during the day.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- Starting in May Senior transportation will begin at 7:30 a.m. to accommodate seniors' early doctors' appointments.
- Jazzercise and Music Therapy are back in session and they are free to senior/disabled residents.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- Director Sebes welcomed new businesses to the City; Lumpy's, 6372 Pearl Road; Pure Tranquility, 6573 Pearl Road; and Double Tap Shooting Supplies, 6573 Pearl Road.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- No report.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- Nor report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of Mayor's Court activity for April was reported. The total amount transferred into the City's general checking account from Court activities was \$25,224.59. (see attached report)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor acknowledged and thanked the businesses that made donations towards the gift bags for the Arbor Day Contest Winners.

**LEGISLATION**

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

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

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

Councilwoman Danczak read AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR INDIGENT BURIAL IN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 9.15 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman Danczak explained that this legislation would provide regulations for the application of Section 9.15 of the Ohio Revised Code. It gives the Mayor, or his designee, responsibility to administer the indigent burial policy.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve this ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2017-10.**

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

Aye: Everett, McCall, Danczak, Gallo, Koch and Verdile  
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. FIRST OF TWO READINGS.

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

Aye: 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 130<sup>TH</sup> 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. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Council President Gallo noted that for the record she is in receipt of the Fiscal Officer's Certificate for this note.

**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.

Roger Pekarek, 11661 Appleton, asked if this Saturday was a Community Shred Day. Director Patten replied yes. Mr. Pekarek commented that the local writer, Mark Holan had mentioned the Hazardous Waste Roundup this Saturday but did not mention the Shred Day. If the information is not provided to him, he is not looking for it. Mr. Pekarek also asked if the Church-in-the-Woods project is still a viable concept. He noted that since the project was brought to the City there have been five similar projects in the area that are already housing residents or are accepting applications for residency. The Mayor responded that he has been in contact with Randall Development and they believe the demographics still fit the need for senior living. They are making modifications to the original plans, which Planning Commission had placed 16 stipulations on the plans that needed to be addressed. Any further modifications would need to go before the Planning Commission for approval. The Mayor feels that this is still a viable project.

Marcia Smith, 6777 Greenleaf, commented that her great-granddaughter had her First Communion party at the lower level of Cassidy Theatre and the remodeled rooms are beautiful and everyone was pleased with the facility.

Pat Marecki, 6320 Big Creek Parkway, commented on her concerns regarding the deer population and that no one in Parma Heights has applied for the Deer Management Program. She feels the requirement of having a 5 acre approval in Parma Heights is impossible to meet. Mrs. Marecki stated that the ordinance

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states the City will review the program and work with the ODNR to explore other non-lethal methods to cull the deer. Her car was hit by a deer in the fall, and she wanted to know if the City is looking into other options since the program requirements are too difficult to meet in Parma Heights. She also asked if the City works with the MetroParks for culling the deer. Council President Gallo stated that the MetroParks has their own Deer Management program. The Mayor commented that the other communities that are participating in the Deer Management program are having a high number of cullings and the Mayor is hoping that Parma Heights will see a decrease in the number of deer in the City because of the culling in the other communities. At this time, the administration has not brought forth any other means of culling but they are tracking deer related accidents. The Mayor felt in a year he would review the program with his administration and possibly look at other options at that time.

Mrs. Marecki also stated that there is a bus parked at a house on her street. She said her husband called City Hall last week and he was told they are aware of the situation. Mrs. Marecki wants to know if he can park the bus in his yard. Director Patten stated that the homeowner has been served a notice and he may have been cited and ready to go to court. Director Patten explained that the homeowner is fighting the notice.

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

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President

**REPORT OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**COUNCIL MEETING:**

5/8/17

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

4/21/17 - 4/27/17

**EXPENDITURE TOTAL:**

\$532,682.85

**RE-CAP OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES:**

**AMOUNT:**

4/28/17 PAYROLL

CITY OF PARMA -

\$445,256.92

THE ILLUMINATING CO. - Traffic & Street Lighting (March/April)

\$24,000.00

HARVEY, ABENS, IOSUE CO. - HR Consulting, Labor Negotiations/Abritation

\$5,876.51

NE OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM/FIRST SUBURBS DEVELOPMENT

\$4,571.25

COUNCIL - 2017 Membership Fees

\$4,500.00

DJ NEFF ENTERPRISES - City Engineer (Retainer for March)

\$4,400.00

SIGNAL SERVICE - Service Calls/Repairs for Traffic Lights/Crosswalk Controls

\$3,940.25