

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny, 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: Director of Finance & Personnel Hickey and Director of Public Safety Collins.

Council President Gallo called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Verdile requested a moment of silence for our deceased veterans.

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 Council meeting.

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

Abstain: McCall

Nay: None

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Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 5/2/2015 through 5/20/2015 to be \$594,685.60. (detailed report attached)

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to remove Items #11 and #12 from this evening's agenda.

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

Nay: None

ITEMS #11 AND #12 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

Thomas Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball's opening day will be May 30, 2015.
- Cassidy Theatre will be presenting "The Producers" from June 12, 2015 to June 28, 2015.
- The Yoga class will end June 8th and will start back up in the fall.
- The soccer season is going well and the season will end in early June.
- The Recreation Department is getting the pool ready for the June 6th opening.
- Flag Football sign-ups will be on June 10th and June 17th at the Cassidy Theatre in Room A.
- On Saturday, June 20, 2015, the Recreation Department will present the summer movie, "Despicable Me".
- Summer Concerts will start on June 21, 2015 in Parma.

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Director Moran gave Council an update on a question asked a couple weeks before regarding the controller for the scoreboard. The Director received a quote on a new controller for \$1,250.00, which he will put into the budget for 2016.

Councilwoman Koch asked Director Moran if he knew when the Soccer Awards Ceremony would be held. He replied a Sunday in June and he would get her the specific information.

Councilman Verdile asked Director Moran if Flag Football would be played outside or will it be played indoors. Director Moran responded that the 5 and 6 year olds will play indoors and depending on the number of children that sign-up, the 7, 8 and 9 year olds will play outside.

Brent Collins, Director of Public Safety

- No report in the absence of Director Collins.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- The Senior Center received the Farmers Market Grant, which will serve any senior resident in the 44130 zip code. The 141 coupons that they receive will be distributed on June 15th and 16th and it is first come first served.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked Director McLaughlin if distributing to residents in the 44130 zip code would include Parma and Middleburg Heights. Director McLaughlin said it would. Western Reserve found this was a way to avoid abuse of the program as some residents were going to multiple locations for additional coupons.

Councilman Verdile complimented Director McLaughlin on the monthly newsletter the Senior Center sends out. He stated that it is a very nicely done piece of literature.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- The reconstruction project on Ackley Road will start on June 8, 2015.
- Bog Construction, Inc. was awarded the bid for the project on North Church Drive.

Councilman Stavole asked Mr. Neff if Bog Construction has worked in the city before. Mr. Neff replied that he is not familiar with them. This is an ODOT job and they are pre-qualified with ODOT.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department continues to patch potholes throughout the city.
- The Service Department continues to sweep the streets and will start tree lawn repairs soon.

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Councilwoman Koch said she knew in the past we had summer help to cut the vacant homes grass but with situations changing are we following up with the banks to have the property maintained. Director Patten replied yes they were following up with the banks and if the banks do not respond, the City would hire a contractor and put it on their tax duplicate.

Councilman McCall thanked Director Patten and Mr. Neff for following up with the contractor and having Mr. and Mrs. Goebel's lawn re-seeded. Councilman McCall also thanked Director Patten for the cleanup on Kings Highway.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report in the absence of Director Hickey.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor asked Council to approve the appointment of Don Sweeney to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to approve the appointment of Don Sweeney to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Nay: None

DON SWEENEY WAS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

- The Mayor complimented Director Moran and his assistant, Maggie Hess for the excellent job they did with organizing the Memorial Day Parade.
- The Mayor also recognized the challenges the Recreation Department is experiencing this year. Usually the Recreation Department brings on college and high school students to help with the summer Recreation Programs but they are having a hard time employing students this year.
- The Mayor thanked Roger Pekarik for organizing the Flag Folding Ceremony during the Memorial Day Parade event. He has received positive feedback and will be adding it to future Memorial Day programs.

LEGISLATION

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Verdile read AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,520,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE

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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.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman DeSouza read AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 729 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "DONATION/RECYCLING BINS" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH NEW MATTER; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman McCall explained that American Legal Publishing has completed the most recent updates to the Codified Ordinances which included anything pertaining to the Codified Ordinances passed after August 19, 2013 as well as certain changes were made to bring City law into conformity with State law.

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

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-19.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Koch read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF PARMA AND WITH ALLIED CORPORATION, THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT/CONCRETE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Koch explained that this ordinance would allow the City of Parma Heights to purchase asphalt/concrete with the City of Parma from Allied Corporation.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adopt this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-20.

Council President Gallo stated again that Items #11 and #12 have been removed from the agenda.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilman Stavole read A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF EUROPA AUTO CARE TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FUND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Stavole explained that the resolution supports the application of Europa Auto Care to the Cuyahoga County Brownfield Redevelopment Fund Community Assessment Initiative in the City of Parma Heights and there will be no cost to the city.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adopt this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION IS 2015-3.

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 direct their comment to her.

Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar Drive, expressed concerns about the scoreboard he donated to the city not working and the missing controller that no one seems to know where it is. He does not understand how the City can purchase a new controller for \$1,250.00 when the old one has not been located.

Council President Gallo stated that Director Moran did not say he purchased a new controller; he stated that he received a quote for a new controller and will put it into the budget for 2016.

Mr. Rob stated that this is very disrespectful to him and to his father, who the scoreboard was bought in memory of. Mr. Rob also stated that the previous administration told him the City would purchase the scoreboard and he could reimburse the City for the purchase and the City would maintain the scoreboard.

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He feels that agreement has not been fulfilled and he would like the City to reimburse him for the \$4,000 that he spent on the scoreboard.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues related to Employment and Compensation of Public Employees.

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

Nay: None

COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:25 P.M.

Council reconvened at 9:51 P.M.

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

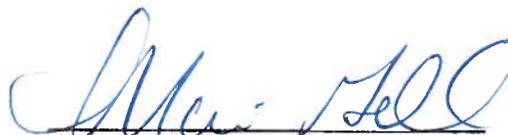
Aye: Stavole, DeSouza, McCall, Everett, Koch, Verdile and Gallo

Nay: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:51 P.M.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President