

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 27, 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 Finance & Personnel Hickey, Director of Public Service Patten, City Engineer Onyak, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin, Director of Public Safety Collins and Director of Recreation Moran.

Council President Gallo called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 Council meeting.

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

Nay: None

**APRIL 13, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 4/10/2015 through 4/21/2015 to be \$662,668.78. (detailed report attached)

Thomas Moran, Director of Recreation

- Valley Forge Pool is open to the public on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. through April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Cassidy Theatre will be presenting "The Producers" from June 12, 2015 to June 28, 2015.
- The Recreation Department continues to take baseball registrations in the office.
- The soccer season has started and is going well.
- Sign-up for the Outdoor Pool will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St. John Bosco's gymnasium.

Councilwoman Everett asked Director Moran if he has had any progress with adding another yoga class. Director Moran replied that he has not been able to find an instructor to teach a second class. He added if anyone has a contact, please forward it to him.

Brent Collins, Director of Public Safety

- Director Collins reminded everyone to keep their car windows up and the doors locked. A neighboring city had nine cars broken into in one night.
- The Speed Raider Trailer is available. If any council member would like it in their ward, please contact the director.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- Starting Friday, May 1, 2015, the Center will offer Corn Hole for the seniors.

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- On Saturday, May 2, 2015, the Senior Center will be transporting the seniors to the new downtown Heinen's.
- Starting on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a new Chair Yoga class for seniors.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- The city will be hosting a Business Forum on May 7, 2015 at Cassidy Theatre. County Executive Armond Budish will be the guest speaker. There will be representatives available to assist local businesses from the County Department of Development, Cuyahoga Community College Small Business Program, Parma Area Chamber of Commerce, COSE and local banks.

Councilwoman Koch asked Director Sebes how the grant writing for the streets in the city was going. He responded that he was waiting for the Block Grant to open and that should be sometime in May.

C. J. Onyak, City Engineer

- Mr. Onyak explained that bids were opened on Friday, April 24, 2015 for the Ackley Road reconstruction project. Four bids were received and he is recommending the bid be awarded to Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company for \$149,815.00.

Council President Gallo asked for a motion to accept the base bid of \$131,995.00 and the alternate bid of \$149,815.00 for Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company.

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to accept the bid.

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

**FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING COMPANY BID ACCEPTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,815.00 FOR THE ACKLEY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.**

Council President Gallo asked for a motion to return the bid bonds to the other three bidders.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to return the bid bonds.

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

**BID BONDS RETURNED TO OTHER THREE BIDDERS.**

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department continues to hot patch the potholes throughout the city.
- The crews will start to repair the water breaks this week.

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Councilman McCall asked Director Patten if the repairs have been made to Wilderness, Antietam and Vicksburg. Director Patten replied they have been patched with cold patch but the Service Department will need to go back and do a more permanent repair.

Councilman McCall asked Director Patten if he has spoken to Mr. Goebel about seeding his lawn. Director Patten responded that he has spoken to him and it will be taken care of.

Councilwoman Koch asked Director Patten whose responsibility is it to repair the tree lawn when a fire hydrant has been replaced. He replied that it is the homeowners' responsibility.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- Director Hickey explained that in the Finance Committee report there was a refund to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer for \$32,712.65, which was for an overpayment to an Estate Tax account. He commented that was an unexpected expenditure for this year's budget. Director Hickey also reported that he received notice that the city received two estate tax revisions for prior years that total approximately \$33,000.00.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- No report.

**LEGISLATION**

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned seconded by Councilman McCall 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.**

Councilwoman DeSouza read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PARMA FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

Nay: None

**ORDINANCE TO READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilwoman Everett read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GROUND LEASE WITH ALLTEL COMMUNICATION OF PETERSBURG, INC. (DBA VERIZON WIRELESS) FOR STANDBY

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GENERATOR AT THE TOWER COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AT GREENBRIER COMMONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPEND.**

Councilwoman Everett explained that this ordinance amends the current lease agreement in order to add space for the purpose of installing a standby generator.

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

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-16**

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

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GREENBRIER ATHLETIC CENTER WITH N.E.O. SOCCER, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman McCall explained that this ordinance is a lease agreement with N.E.O. Soccer for the management of the Greenbrier Athletic Center.

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

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-17**

**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.

Richard Miller, 6800 Oakwood Road, he is concerned about the illegal business being run from 6717 Oakwood and why hasn't it been shut down. It has been going on over two years.

Director Patten responded to Mr. Miller's concerns and told him they are aware of the situation and it is under investigation. He cannot discuss the details but things will be happening soon.

Greg McKinney, 6809 Maplewood Road, was concerned about the number of potholes on Fernhurst Avenue and Maplewood Road.

Director Patten assured him the Service Department would take care of the potholes as soon as possible.

Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road, stated that she had publically supported the Church in the Woods project with assurance that the land would be preserved. She is shocked and appalled on what the developers have done to the land. She would not have supported the project if she knew what they were planning. Mrs. Sebastian then asked how does the city intend to continue the same level of services when the Service Department is down five employees, one to retirement and four being laid off. She also asked if Councilmen McCall, Stavole and Verdile supported the layoffs since they are up for re-election this year. Mrs. Sebastian then made a Public Records request for the following information; a list of non-bargaining unit employees, their salaries and if there have been any furlough days or layoffs for said employees.

Council President Gallo briefly commented on the layoffs explaining that was an administrative decision based on the budget. She asked if the administration wanted to comment, Mayor Byrne said he had no comments.

Councilman Verdile agreed with Council President Gallo that the decision to layoff was an administrative decision.

Mrs. Sebastian then commented that her services would not be maintained since the Service Department is down employees.

Councilman McCall stated that he supported the administration. The city needed to balance the budget. The administration presented to Council what needed to be done and he supported their plan.

Carmen Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road, stated that he worked for the Service Department for 13 years. He knows how many men are required to perform certain tasks and doesn't understand how they will be able to continue to provide the services residents have received in the past. Mr. Sebastian claimed that during a snowstorm his street was not plowed for over 18 hours.

Mayor Byrne commented that at the time Mr. Sebastian is referring to the Service Department was fully staffed. The Mayor reiterated the fact that he did not want to have to lay off anyone and that the

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administration is still negotiating with 1099. He also stated that he has not received any calls regarding the diminishment of services.

Mr. Sebastian stated that after the snowstorm he did call the Service Department inquiring why it took so long for his street to be plowed. He said he was told that they were running a 4-man crew for plowing. He said that has never been done and how can you keep up with all the streets with a 4-man crew.

Director Patten responded to Mr. Sebastian's comments stating that was the first he had heard about running a 4-man crew. Director Patten stated they were fully staffed at that time and they were not running a 4-man crew for snow plowing. He said he would look up when Mr. Sebastian called and see why it took so long for his street to be plowed.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G).

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

Nay: None

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:26 P.M.**

Council reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

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

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

Nay: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:57 P.M.**



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President