

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 28, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Law Director Pokorny, Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling Teresi, Engineer Neff, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes and Assistant Law Director Schneider.

ABSENT: Director of Public Service Patten.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the January 14, 2019 Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: McCall

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to amend the agenda to remove Items #6 and #9.

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

Nay: None

**AGENDA AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEMS #6 AND #9.**

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 1/5/2019 through 1/23/19 to be \$667,315.58 (detailed report attached).

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- Last year the City received two (2) NOACA Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grants that totaled \$120,493. The grant money needs to be used for senior transportation and we purchased two (2) senior buses with the monies received.

Dan Neff, Engineer

- The contractor for the stream restoration along Columbo Park has been selected and the work will begin next week and will finish up in June.

Councilman Verdile asked if it was possible to get the timing lights at crosswalks, this gives the person crossing an idea of how long they have before the light changes. Engineer Neff stated that he has checked for grants to fund these, but there are not a lot of grants available for signalization.

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Councilman McCall asked if there was an update on the Parkhill situation. Engineer Neff replied that a contractor has been selected and the project is on the list but it is not a high priority project.

Michelle Teresi, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling

- No report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- Spring Soccer registration has started online on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm downstairs of Cassidy Theatre.
- Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Open Swim at Valley Forge has been moved to Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict at Valley Forge.
- The Mayor commented on the outstanding job the PACT Unit (the youth group) at the Police Department is doing. Patrolman Eric Taylor, under the guidance of Chief Scharschmidt, took over the program. They have expanded their events as well as their issue-based discussions. On February 5<sup>th</sup> they have scheduled a discussion on teen suicide. The Unit is looking to expand to church organizations and the seniors in the City.

**LEGISLATION**

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

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

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

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, NUNC PRO TUNC (NOW FOR THEN), TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to adopt this resolution.

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

Councilwoman Everett commented before her vote, "Phase I of the Memorandum of Understanding pertains to the Residential Corridor of the Master Plan, which added a striped dedicated bike lane, construction of a landscape median wall from Reservoir Drive to west of Maplecliff and adding a crosswalk at Pearl and Denison with a HAWK light to stop traffic on Pearl Road so people can cross. The residents most affected by this were not in favor in 2016 and are still not in favor now for many reasons, mainly safety. My vote as it was in 2016 is No.

**RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED WITH A 5-2 VOTE. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1.**

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

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

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

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to adopt this resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2.**

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

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

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

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INTERFUND ADVANCES, NUNC PRO TUNC, (NOW FOR THEN) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman McCall explained this is moving funds from the General Fund to the Community Development Block Grant Fund for \$165,612 until those funds are reimbursed. At that time, they will be moved back into the General Fund.

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

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

**ORDINANCES IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-2.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

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Councilwoman Danczak explained that the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District has offered to sell to the City of Parma Heights the properties located at the corner of Reservoir Drive and Pearl Road. This resolution is for an application for a grant that is available to fund an environmental assessment of the properties through the Cuyahoga County Brownfield Redevelopment Fund Community Assessment Initiative.

Kathy Walsh, 11362 Blossom Avenue, was under the impression that you had to own the property to apply for a Brownfield grant. She is not sure if Director Sebes is applying for a study of the property but if applying for Brownfield dollars you must own the property. Director Sebes commented that we have done the studies on other properties in the City before we purchased the property. Ms. Walsh reiterated that she believes you have to own the property to apply for the grant. She is also concerned about the amount of time and cost to maintain these properties once we obtain them.

The Mayor clarified that the properties that the City is looking at does not have an interceptor on them. The Mayor asked Law Director Pokorny if the resolution is ready for Council to vote on this evening.

Law Director Pokorny states that we were presenting this resolution because there was funding available for the assessment. Director Pokorny asked Director Sebes if we need to own the property to do the assessment, Director Sebes replied that we do not need to own it. Director Sebes stated this is our due diligence before we take ownership the property. Director Pokorny is comfortable with the resolution.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to adopt this resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-3.**

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

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

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

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO FACILITATE THE CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS NPDES PERMIT FOR STORMWATER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

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**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman Everett explained that this resolution is in response to the implementation of the US EPA's Phase II Stormwater Regulations on March 10, 2003. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health developed its Stormwater Management Program to assist municipalities in Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio in creating their stormwater management plans and meeting their required stormwater management goals.

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

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

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4.**

**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.

Kathy Walsh, 11362 Blossom, referred to the Finance Report read by Councilman McCall. She asked about the line item referring to the first half of 2018 property taxes payment. Ms. Walsh thought that the taxes for Cornerstone were paid off. Director Hickey replied that the majority of that amount is for the property taxes owed on the NEO Soccer property and the balance is the sewer maintenance taxes on all City properties.

Ms. Walsh asked if the two senior vans that Director Sebes referred to in his report were new. Director Sebes replied that the two grants for the buses were in addition to the bus they received last year.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining issues in preparation for Collective Bargaining Negotiations with the City's Unions in 2019 and pending litigation.

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

Nay: None

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:23 P.M.**

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 10:04 p.m.

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Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President

**REPORT OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Review of City Expenditures)**

<b>COUNCIL MEETING:</b> 1/28/19	
<b>REVIEW PERIOD:</b> 1/5/19 - 1/23/19	
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$667,315.58</b>
<b>RE-CAP OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
1/18/19 PAYROLL	\$304,117.59
REPUBLIC SERVICES - Refuse/Recycling Collection (December)	\$81,708.22
SIBLEY CONSTRUCTION - 1st Draw Library Roof Repair Project	\$44,000.00
OHIO TREASURER - DOPW/C Street Improvement Loan Payments	\$31,769.27
COUNTY TREASURER - 1st half 2018 Property Tax on City Properties	\$23,319.33
CARGILL, INC - Road Salt Deliveries - 12/18/18	\$19,815.82
WICHERT INCSURANCE - #7 of 9 Installment Due on City Liability Insurance	\$12,173.00
D J NEFF ENTERPRISES - Bldg Inspect/Bldg Official Services (11/3/18 - 1/11/19)	\$10,822.16