

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 2016

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members Koch, Everett, Verdile, 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, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin and Director of Recreation Moran.

ABSENT: Councilman McCall and City Engineer Neff

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to excuse Councilman McCall.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

**COUNCILMAN McCALL EXCUSED ABSENT.**

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2015 Council meeting.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

**DECEMBER 14, 2015 COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2016 Council Organizational Meeting minutes.

Aye: Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett and Verdile

Nay: None

**JANUARY 2, 2016 COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2016 Special Council meeting.

Aye: Koch, Stavole, Everett, Verdile and Gallo

Nay: None

**JANUARY 4, 2016 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 12/8/2015 through 12/30/2015 to be \$1,053,236.47. (detailed report attached)

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Council President Gallo announced there is the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee for Council Public Relations. Councilwoman Everett will be the chairwoman and Councilwomen Gallo and Koch will be the additional members to the committee.

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Open Swim at Valley Forge High School on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- The current Yoga session will run through January 22, 2016.
- Cassidy Theatre will present the production of "*Private Lives*" from February 5, 2016 through February 21, 2016.

Councilwoman Koch asked if there was any chance to schedule another Yoga class not on Monday evening. Director Moran answered that he was actively looking for additional yoga instructors.

Judy McLaughlin Director of the Senior Center

- Due to the popularity of the class, the Senior Center will be offering two (2) classes of Jazzercise a week, Monday and Thursday morning at 10 a.m. and they will start the end of January.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- No report due to Mr. Neff's absence.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- On January 4, 2016, the Service Department added an afternoon shift, 3 p.m. to 12 midnight to their schedule. This will allow the crews to cover snowplowing during the evening hours.
- During the winter months, the crews will continue to cover basic services.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of the Mayor's Court activity for December was reported. The total amount transferred into the City's general checking account from court activity was \$23,724.52. (detailed report attached)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor reported that he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Association of the United States Army awarded to the City of Parma Heights, Ohio, Outstanding Community 2015. The certificate reads as follows, "For their outstanding service to our Country and Armed Forces". This is exemplified by their recognition of Memorial Day in conjunction with the Parma South Presbyterian Church for over 147 years, the longest consecutive running Memorial Day service in Ohio. As a community that demonstrates effective contributions to the United States of America,

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our service members, their families and our veterans, which reflects great credit on a City that excels in giving and the selfless service to its citizens. Parma Heights sets the standard for others to emulate across our great Country. We honor and respect your commitment and loyalty displayed over the years”, signed by Gordon R. Sullivan, Retired General of the U. S. Army. The Mayor commented that Roger Pekarek and Ron Schwachenwald referred the City to the Association for consideration. Also receiving a Certificate of Appreciation was the Reverend Mark Juengel from the Parma South Presbyterian Church.

**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.

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

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 p .m.**



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President