

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny, Asst. Law Director Schneider, Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey, 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.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Verdile asked for a moment of silence to honor those who perished in the 9/11 attack.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2016 Council meeting.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Koch

JUNE 27, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the August 8, 2016 Special Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

AUGUST 8, 2016 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 6/23/2016 through 9/2/2016 to be \$2,620,527.18. (detailed report attached)

Councilwoman Koch presented the reports from the June 27, 2016 and July 25, 2016 Planning Commission meetings. The Parma Heights Planning Commission met on June 27, 2016 for a Public Hearing to consider the sale of real estate known as PP#474-25-018, vacant land on Concord Court. There was not a quorum of members.

On July 25, 2016, the Planning Commission met to consider the sale of real estate known as PP#474-25-018, vacant land on Concord Court. The sale was approved and forwarded to Council for consideration.

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Soccer and Flag Football Programs started last weekend.
- New Yoga Session started this evening.

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- Cassidy Theatre will be presenting *Into the Woods* from October 7, 2016 through October 23, 2016.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- September is National Senior Center Month and the Center has many activities scheduled at the Center and on the road celebrating this month.
- On Monday, September 26, 2016, the local Farmers Market will be at the Center between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and that is open to everyone.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- The ADA ramp repairs throughout the City is scheduled to start next week, weather permitting. The project should take approximately 30 days if there are no weather delays. This project is possible from the money received from the Community Development Block Grant.
- Sky Mediterranean Cuisine and Lounge, the former Cleats Bar & Grille, is tentatively scheduled to open in 2 weeks if all inspections are passed and permits are received.

Councilman McCall asked if the location where the Lumpy's Is Coming Soon sign is, are they planning to build a new building. Director Sebes responded that he believed that they would be renovating the existing building.

Councilwoman Koch asked if Director Sebes knew what was going on in the commercial building on Pearl Road between Parma Park and Beresford. In the past the windows were covered and now they are uncovered and there are a lot of boxes in the windows. Director Sebes was not aware of what was happening with that building and said he would call the owner to see if he had a new tenant for that location.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- Engineer Neff explained that the ADA ramp project will be starting this week, the catch basin repairs, and the asphalt and concrete projects will all be starting in the next 30 to 40 days.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department is repairing water boxes throughout the City and will continue until repairs are completed.
- The crews are finishing asphalt repairs throughout the City.
- Crews are cutting and trimming trees in the City and will continue as long as weather permits.

Councilman Stavole asked Director Patten how many water boxes need to be repaired. Director Patten did not have that information with him but was hoping to complete the repairs by the end of the week.

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Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of Mayor's Court activity for June, July and August was reported. The total amount transferred into the City's general checking account from Court activity was \$90,678.45. (detailed report attached)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor responded to the earlier question from Councilwoman Koch about the building on Pearl Road. The Mayor explained that they have aggressively gone after the owner to clean up the building. He finally has responded by taking down the blackout cover over the windows and now you see what is in the space. We are working with him to put a partition to block the view from the street.
- The Mayor attended a Parma City School Board meeting regarding the financial crunch facing the district. The school board must submit a plan to the state by September 30th and the Mayor has asked that a school board representative make a presentation at a Caucus or Council meeting shortly after that plan is submitted to the state. The Mayor has pledged his support along with Council's.

LEGISLATION

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile 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.

Councilman McCall read a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE THE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL OWNED LAND KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 474-25-018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman McCall explained that this resolution would authorize the Director of Public Service to prepare specifications and to advertise for bids to sell the property on Concord Court.

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

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

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10.

Councilwoman Koch 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.

Councilwoman Koch read a RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, USE OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD ENABLE THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, OR RETAIL SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION, IN ORDER TO ALLOW COUNCIL AND THE PARMA HEIGHTS PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW APPLICABLE OHIO STATUTES, CRIMINAL CODES AND THE PARMA HEIGHTS ZONING CODE RELATIVE TO SUCH USE THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Koch explained that this resolution would allow the Parma Heights Planning Commission to review applicable Ohio statutes, criminal codes and the Parma Heights zoning code relative to such use. The Administration will be able to review and move forward when need be.

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

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

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11.

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.

Wayne Machnicki, 6410 Homer Avenue, Cleveland, wanted information on the Deer Management program.

Director Pokorny informed Mr. Machnicki that the Police Chief is responsible for this program and he would pass his information along to Chief Teel and ask him to give Mr. Machnicki a phone call regarding the program.

Richard Miller, 6800 Oakwood Road, is concerned about the timing of the traffic light at Lawnwood and Pearl Road. During heavily traveled traffic periods, this light causes a backup on Pearl Road and he would like to know if it could be removed.

Engineer Neff explained that NOACA has just awarded a bid for a contractor to do analysis of the traffic signals on the Pearl Road corridor. Engineer Neff stated the traffic signals could not be removed without state approval. The analysis should take approximately 6 months and the report will be reviewed at that time.

Greg McKinney, 6809 Maplewood Road, stated that when you walk up Maplewood that the walking signal does not work on the Fernhurst side but does work on the Maplewood side. He also asked why at the Cornerstone property they only cut part of the grass on the property. Mayor explained that Director Patten would contact the property maintenance company for the property and have them cut the uncut grass. Mr. McKinney asked what was going on the property. The Mayor said that there was the potential for development.

Pat Pekarek, 11661 Appleton, she wanted to thank the department responsible for painting the fire hydrants throughout the City. They did a beautiful job and they look wonderful. Mrs. Pekarek also commented that she also attended the school board meeting this evening. She reiterated that the situation is serious and does affect everyone, even if you do not have children in the school system.

The Mayor stated that the Recreation Department was responsible for the painting of the fire hydrants.

Christine Farinella, 6836 Beresford Avenue, thanked Director Patten for the trimming of trees on Beresford. She was also concerned about the restrictions on tree planting, sheds, and swimming pools located near the utility easement in her yard. She was not aware of the restrictions and would like the information made available either in the newsletter or online.

Janet Adams, 5860 Queens Highway, stated that at the meeting with the Mayor and Holy Name representatives in May, the residents were told that Holy Name had not yet raised the funds needed to start the athletic field project and in August the residents received a letter saying they would be starting and the project would be completed in November. She asked how they raised millions of dollars in a

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couple of months. Secondly, she wanted to know if there is a contract with the construction company to repair the streets after the heavy equipment has traveled it. She then commented that two homes recently went up for sale because of this construction and possibly another home will go up for sale next year.

The Mayor responded to Mrs. Adams' questions, he is not aware of how their funds were raised but Holy Name did pull the proper permits for the project from the Building Department. The Mayor also responded to the question regarding the streets, he explained that the Engineer's office videotaped the streets before the construction started. He also said there is a Mud Bond in place and that after the project is completed they would re-evaluate the condition of the streets. The Mayor hopes to put money in the 2017 Budget to fix the streets in that area of the City. The Mayor responded to the comment about houses going up for sale because of this project. He regrets that residents would do that before the project is completed and stated that if anyone has questions or concerns, they should contact his office.

Dale Maxwell, 6835 Beresford Avenue, asked if anyone knew the cause of the 7 million deficit in the school district. The Mayor responded that there was not one particular line item that reflected the deficit and until the school district comes up with the plan they will forward to the state there are a lot of speculations and rumors going around. That is why he has asked someone from the school to present the plan to Council once they have submitted it to the state.

Mrs. Pekarek responded to Ms. Maxwell's questions. She said there were two items. The first being a contract for refurbished and new Apple computers that was approved by the Board for approximately \$4.6 million and when the final invoice came in it was for approximately \$10 million. That has raised many questions. The other situation is that there is a new Administration and Treasurer and supposedly, the money is still there it is just accounted for in a different area.

Council President Gallo commented that the Board of Education is a separate entity and this is not the place for a discussion on the school district's financial situation. When the representative from the school district makes their presentation to Council, the Administration will make sure it is published for the public.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President