

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Byrne, Law Director Pokorny, Director of Finance and Personnel Iaconis, Director of Public Service Patten, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of Recreation Tal and Asst. Law Director Schneider.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Danczak and Engineer Neff.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gallo at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Danczak.

Aye: Everett, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Walsh

Nay: None

COUNCILWOMAN DANCZAK IS EXCUSED FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve the February 10, 2020 Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Everett, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Walsh

Nay: None

FEBRUARY 10, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Joe Tal, Director of Recreation

- No report.

Councilman Stavole asked if there is an update on additional sign-ups for Recreation programs. Director Tal replied they had sign-ups this past Saturday and there were an additional 55 signups in person and 20 additional sign-ups online. The director stated they are ahead of where they were last year.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- The City received notice that we have received a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for \$5,062. The money will be used for an educational brochure sent to

the residents to explain the methods of recycling for Parma Heights. The Service Department requested a recycle waste dispenser for the Cultural Center. The Solid Waste District will be donating paper bags to the City to distribute in light of the new plastic bag law. There will also be Shred-It events throughout the year.

- The Director stated they submitted an application to the Bank of America Arbor Day Foundation for \$50,000. The money would be used to replace trees that were lost to the Emerald Ash Bore disease. The City applied for 71 trees and a chipper for the Service Department.

Councilwoman Walsh referred to an e-mail that Council and the Mayor received. She asked if there was a plan to help the businesses when Pearl Road is being resurfaced. The Mayor replied that Director Patten would address the Councilwoman's question.

Director Patten stated he is working with the general contractor and they informed me they would be starting in Strongsville. There is no other phase that has been approved as of today. Director Patten stated he will be meeting with the contractor later this week and he will give Council an update at the next meeting on where they think they will be going and how it is going to work out. The Director stated the City has a plan to notify all of the businesses in the City and give them a timeline. The contractor stated they would maintain traffic through the entire process.

Dan Neff, Engineer

- No report in his absence.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Director stated he still has two shifts working and he will make a decision at the end of the week on whether he will keep them on two shifts for another week or bring everyone back to days. Once he is full staff on days, he will start to do some permanent roadwork because the weather has been mild.

Councilwoman Everett asked if the road survey they were doing is complete. Director Patten replied it is not complete yet and he will forward the information to Council when it is submitted.

Councilman Stavole asked if there was an update on the Nathan Hale Retention Basin Project. The Mayor replied that the City has not received any approvals at this time. Director Pokorny is lead on this project.

Katie Iaconis, Director of Finance

- No report.

Mike Byrne, Mayor

- No report.

LEGISLATION

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

Aye: Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Walsh and Everett

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Everett read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE NEC GRANT FUNDS FROM NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL FOR AN ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilwoman Everett motion seconded by Councilman Stavole to suspend the rules.

Aye: Koch, Stavole, Walsh, Everett and Gallo

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

Aye: Stavole, Walsh, Everett, Gallo and Koch

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-3.

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

Aye: Stavole, Walsh, Everett, Gallo and Koch

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE THROUGH GOVPLANET/IRONPLANET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

Aye: Walsh, Everett, Gallo, Koch and Stavole

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to adopt this ordinance.

Aye: Everett, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Walsh

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-4.

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.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded Councilwoman Everett to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and collective bargaining issues.

Aye: Everett, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Walsh

Nay: None

COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:09 P.M.

Council reconvenes at 7:39 p.m.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Walsh and Everett

Nay: None

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President