

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2017

PRESENT: Council Pro-Tem Koch, Council Members Everett, Danczak, McCall, Verdile, Stavole and Clerk of Council Bohdan

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny, Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey, Asst. Law Director Schneider, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling Teresi, City Engineer Neff, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin and Director of Recreation Moran

ABSENT: Council President Gallo, Director of Public Service Patten and Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes.

The meeting was called to order by Council Pro-Tem Koch at 8:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Pro-Tem Koch motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Gallo.

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

Nay: None

COUNCILWOMAN GALLO EXCUSED FROM THE FEBRUARY 27, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Byrne introduced Lois Graff and her daughter, Sunny. Sunny spoke of her father, Richard "Dick" Graff. Dick and Lois were longtime residents of Parma Heights. Dick served on the USS Tuscaloosa in World War II. He was trained as an engineer and worked at Case University/Fenn University. Dick served on the Civil Service Commission during the Cassidy administration. He was also very active in the Kiwanis Club, YMCA and raised money to build Parma Hospital. Lois and Dick were members of Parma South Presbyterian Church. Dick passed away on June 1, 2016 and Lois and Sunny have graciously presented Dick's flag to the City of Parma Heights.

Mayor Byrne then presented Mrs. Graff with a proclamation honoring Dick's life, his contributions to the City of Parma Heights and to extend condolences to his entire family. Mayor Byrne expressed that with great pride and appreciation the City will fly Dick's flag in front of City Hall in his honor during the month of March 2017.

Councilman Verdile and Director Hickey thanked Mrs. Graff and her husband, Dick for their many years of service to the community.

Council Pro-Tem Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 Council meeting.

Aye: Danczak, Verdile, Stavole, Everett and McCall

Nay: None

Abstain: Koch

FEBRUARY 13, 2017 COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

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Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 2/8/2017 through 2/22/2017 to be \$559,566.61. (detailed report attached)

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball/Softball Sign-Ups are scheduled for Saturday, February 25th and March 4th at City Hall between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- A new program, Girls Sand Volleyball sign-ups will be Saturday, March 4th at City Hall between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Next session for Yoga is completely full.
- Valley Forge Open Swim on Tuesdays will run through April 25th.
- Online Registration has begun for baseball and yoga. The department will be adding sand volleyball, pool passes and tennis in the near future.

Councilwoman Everett asked if there was an age limit for the Sand Volleyball program. Director Moran replied there were two age groups; 10-11-12 and 13-14-15.

Councilman Stavole asked how many online registrations they have received in the first week. Director Moran stated they have had 15 baseball registrations online with credit cards.

Council Pro-Tem Koch asked if it is possible to schedule a yoga class on a different night for those who cannot make a Monday evening class. Director Moran replied that with renovated lower level of the theatre they will be expanding the class and he will look into adding a class on another day.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- On March 9th, Greenbrier Health Care Activities Department will be hosting a Spring Bazaar at the Center.
- On March 9th, McGregor will present their program, PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), a program which will help seniors remain living independently in their own home. McGregor provides all-inclusive Home Health Care and addresses social needs.
- The Senior Center will be transporting seniors to the local churches Fish Fry's during lent.

Council Pro-Tem Koch asked what is McGregor. Director McLaughlin replied it is a nursing home facility.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report in Director Sebes' absence.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- No report.

Michelle Teresi, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling

- No report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Parma Area Chamber of Commerce had their annual gala event on Saturday, February 25, 2017. They awarded Fratello's Pizza with the Pride Award for 2017.
- On February 26th, Bob Gardin, Big Creek Connect, took 20-25 people on a hike from the Snow Road Pavilion up to the connector trail behind Cassidy Theatre. The Mayor acknowledge that Mr. Gardin was very encouraged with the Parma Heights area.

LEGISLATION

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

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Danczak read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY ("NOACA") AND TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NOACA IF SELECTED FOR FUNDING. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve this resolution.

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION IS NO 2017-2.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Verdile 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.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Verdile explained this resolution is a memorandum of understanding with the Board of Health to manage our Stormwater Management Program.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION IS NO. 2017-3.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Everett read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BROWNING FERRIS INDUSTRIES OF OHIO, INC., A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF REPUBLIC SERVICES INC., ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO PROVIDE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL TO RESIDENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Everett explained the initial contract terminated December 31, 2016. The contract provided for five (5) consecutive 1 year extension agreement. The City is exercising the first 1 year extension and pricing will be consistent with the cost submitted for Option Year 6 in the original contract.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to approve this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION IS NO. 2017-4.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) AND THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Stavole explained the City was approached by Big Creek Watershed to provide matching funds. It came to our attention we could use sewer fund monies for this project. This ordinance allows us to facilitate the release of the funds from NEORS.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2017-1.

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSE AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2017 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council Pro-Tem Koch 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 Pro-Tem.

Christina Farinella, 6836 Beresford, stated that a house on Beresford had burnt down and there is a freestanding chimney left. She is concerned that with the gusty winds and coming into tornado season if something could be done to take it down. She also stated the windows have not been boarded up and the house was built in 1948 and there is asbestos present in the house. Ms. Farinella asked if the City has any guidelines when it comes time to remove the asbestos,

Director Teresi replied that the Building Inspector and the Fire Department has inspected the house. The Director stated that a report could be made available for Ms. Farinella if she is interested.

Engineer Neff addressed the asbestos questions. He stated anything to do with asbestos is handled through the Ohio EPA and the federal government EPA and there are specific guidelines on how the material is removed by a certified contractor. He also stated that the City is not involved in that part of the process.

Council Pro-Tem Koch stated that she spoke with Director Patten regarding this situation and he explained that there is a process to taking down the home. Council Pro-Tem Koch assured Ms. Farinella that City would keep her informed.

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Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President