

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2018

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members Koch, 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 Public Service Patten, Engineer Onyak, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin and Director of Recreation Moran.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Everett and Engineer Neff.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Nay: None

COUNCILWOMAN EVERETT IS EXCUSED FROM THE JUNE 25, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve the June 11, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

June 11, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 6/7/18 through 6/20/2018 to be \$888,497.01 (detailed report attached)

Council President Gallo closed the floor of the Council meeting and opened it for the Public Hearing on the 2019 Tax Budget.

Finance Director Hickey explained that the Ohio Revised Code requires a Public Hearing on the tax budget and the purpose of the tax budget is for the City to estimate its projected revenues and expenditures for the upcoming budget year so that the County Budget Commission can determine the level of property tax that needs to be levied by the City in 2019. He also stated that the County Budget Commission could only set property tax rates up to the limited requested in the Tax Budget. The property tax revenues requested in the 2019 Tax Budget would require an increase in the assessed property valuation of approximately 10%. While this valuation is higher than what might realistically be expected, the 10% increase does provide a buffer to allow for any increases in the valuation, whether through any county wide adjustments or due to improvements to real property in Parma Heights within the past year. This buffer allows the city to levy the maximum 10.0 mills of property tax allowed by the City Charter.

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Director Hickey went into a detailed explanation of significant revenue and expenditure items and the assumptions he used to develop the 2019 Tax Budget.

Council President Gallo asked if there were any questions regarding the 2019 Tax Budget. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Tax Budget.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to approve the 2019 Tax Budget.

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

Nay: None

2019 TAX BUDGET APPROVED.

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- The Thursday evening yoga class will continue for twelve weeks.
- Cassidy Theatre finished the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on June 24th.
- Baseball program is in progress.
- Pickleball League to start the end of July.
- Sand Volleyball started.
- Preparing for Kids-In-The- Commons on August 11th.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- The Jazzercise instructor will be on vacation the first week of July and classes are cancelled.
- A Mobile Farmer's Market will visit the Center on Tuesday June 26th, July 10th and July 24th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- There will be an increase in trips during July and August.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

C. J. Onyak, Engineer

- No report.

Councilman McCall asked if there was an update on the Parkhill issues. Director Patten explained the City has requested the County test to help determine the problem.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- No report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor informed Council that the test for the Police Chief was held on June 23rd. They are awaiting the results of the test so Civil Service can certify and then a new chief can be named.
- The Mayor met with the three civic groups in the City, Historical Society, Garden Club and the Art League. They all have committed to participate in this year's Kids-in-the-Commons.
- The Mayor met with Angelo Nuzzo, the Ohio Flags of Honor representative. Once again, Parma Heights will host the event this year. The Ohio Flags is expanding its program to a number of new Northeast Ohio cities.
- The Mayor stated that he and Director Hickey are working on an updated budget and will have to Council by the end of the month. Council can review and the Administration will schedule a meeting to discuss the budget.

Councilman Stavole asked what the dates for the Ohio Flags presentation, the Mayor said he didn't have the exact date but it is the second weekend in August and opening ceremonies will be on Friday evening.

LEGISLATION

Council President Gallo explained that the first three pieces of legislation were scheduled for the second of two readings but they will need to go to three readings. Director Pokorny will explain the reason for three readings to Council.

Director Pokorny stated that Items #7 and Item #8 on the agenda were considered by the Planning Commission because they are zoning ordinances. Upon my review for this evening's Council meeting, I see the Charter requires three readings on Items #7 and Item #8. I originally asked for two because I thought we could conclude our business on these items before summer break but the Charter requires three readings and the third reading is required to take place no later than 60 days after the first reading. A Public Hearing is required and there is a 30-day notice on the Public Hearing. The first reading for both of these items was on June 11th so somewhere around August 11th will be the 60 days. Item #9 is an operation ordinance for medical marijuana that goes in conjunction with Item #8, so he suggested we handle Items #7, 8 and 9 tonight as the second of three readings.

Council President Gallo explained if we need to schedule a special meeting, which Council will have to do, the Clerk would contact Council for their availability during the summer break.

Council President Gallo also reminded Council that the Clerk would be reading the legislation titles this evening and Council will continue to make the necessary motions and explanations of the legislation.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1193.01 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1190 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 752 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPERATIONS" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR A PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman McCall explained this resolution would be part of the application to the County for a Block Grant that will go towards the Manorford Drive Reconstruction Project Phase I.

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

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10.

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

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DANIEL J. NEFF, MUNICIPAL ENGINEER, TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE MANORFORD DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE I; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE MANORFORD DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE I, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Verdile explained that this ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to advertise for competitive bids for the Manorford Drive Reconstruction Phase I Project.

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

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman McCall explained this ordinance was an addendum for a one-year agreement with Parma Dispatch Center in the city of Parma.

Roger Pekarek, 11661 Appleton, asked how Parma arrived at the \$38,000 from the original \$24,000 to \$26,000 to \$28,000/month. The Mayor explained that the figure was requested by Brooklyn because they asked for an out clause. All three communities wanted the contracts to be the same so it was rolled over into all of the contracts.

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

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-32.

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.

Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar, informed Council and the Administration that former employee, Ron Prasek, passed away. Mr. Rob stated that Ron epitomized the term public servant. He came to work every day and performed his duties as a Commercial Property Inspector. He made sure properties were maintained. In his capacity as Safety Director, Mr. Rob worked with Ron on removing abandon vehicles in the City. Mr. Rob reiterated what a great person Ron Prasek was.

Mr. Rob commented that the old Integrity Chevrolet property, which was a show place when the dealership was there, is now in terrible condition. The surrounding businesses maintain their properties but that place is disgraceful. He also stated that there are cars parked behind the building. He is not sure if it is overflow from Liberty Ford, which he though was not allowed.

Mr. Rob stated that the property at Mandalay and Pearl has turned into a junk yard. The property has abandon and junk vehicles.

Mr. Rob went to Rob Field recently to watch a baseball game. There were no games. He asked if there were no games being played at that field this year.

Mr. Rob thanked the Service Department for cleaning the streets. He stated Eric Gepphart is doing a great job and his street has been cleaned twice this year.

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Mr. Rob informed Council and the Administration that his wife, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer a year and a half ago, recently had a CAT scan and the scan came back negative. The doctors are claiming a miracle and Mr. Rob thank all those who prayed for her during her illness.

Councilman Verdile commented that Ron Prasek was a dear friend of his and he was a very good man who will be missed.

Councilman McCall commented that Ron Prasek was a longtime friend of his father-in-law and they played softball together for many years. Mr. Prasek was a competitive person and he used that competitiveness in his job. He was a great person and he will be missed.

Greg McKinney, 6809 Maplewood Road, commented that he recently saw an officer stop someone from garbage picking. Mr. McKinney stated that was the first time he saw someone stop this type of activity.

Council President Gallo stated Council does not hold regular meetings during the months of July and August. With that being said, she wanted to make a few comments on the record regarding the role that Council members play and what their duties are. They are legislative employees, not Administration officials. That is why there are not seven additional mayors running this City. They may think they are fully seven separate officials, but they make up a legislative body and they are bound to rules and laws that govern how they operate. Much of what they do out there in the public is a direct reflection on this Council and City as a whole. They all took an oath of office and now is time to take the oaths seriously. Specifically, they have sworn to faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge their duties and uphold those laws that govern them, state laws and the City charter of Parma Heights. Council President Gallo wants all of Council to please make sure the information they are putting out there, especially to the media, is in line with the oaths they have taken. Now, they are going to be facing more tough decisions as it relates to the City's budget. She want everyone to get back on the same page and work together to move this City forward whether they meet and start budget discussions this summer or during our regular meetings this fall. They were elected by residents who expect professionalism and productivity. Council President Gallo asked that Council make that their goal when they reconvene. She thanked Council and wished them a great summer.

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President