

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members Koch, Everett, 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 Housing, Building & Recycling Teresi, Engineer Neff, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes and Assistant Law Director Schneider.

ABSENT: Director Patten

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gallo at 8:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Byrne performed a ceremonial swearing-in for Patrolman Phillip Onysyk.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to approve the September 10, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Stavole, Everett, McCall, Danczak and Gallo

Nay: None

Abstain: Koch and Verdile

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 8/31/18 through 9/20/2018 to be \$389,080.63 (detailed report attached)

Councilwoman Koch presented the report of the September 17, 2018 Planning Commission meetings. (report attached)

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- The Ohio Public Works Commission application for the Pearl Road project was submitted.

Dan Neff, Engineer

- A pre-construction meeting for the Manorford Reconstruction Phase I project is scheduled for Friday, September 28th.
- There will be a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, September 27th with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Columbo Park Stream Restoration project.

Councilman McCall asked if there were any updates on the Parkhill issues. Engineer Neff replied they identified what they believe are the issues. There are average size pipes that separated below the 18" storm sewer. Engineer Neff is working with the County to get their contract awarded. They have an emergency contractor that does this work. Engineer Neff stated they are awaiting a schedule for those to get out.

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Michelle Teresi, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling

- No report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- Director Hickey stated that the State Auditor released the 2017 audit report for the City. He will forward the link to the Council Office and provide a hard copy for the office.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor was informed that Parma Heights was awarded a \$1 million grant by the Northeast Ohio Sewer District for a detention basin in Nathan Hale Park. The City has experienced ongoing flooding problems, especially in Ward 3, and this will help alleviate some of those issues. The grant was the second highest awarded by the Sewer District, and the Mayor acknowledged the due diligence by the Service Department and Engineer Neff's office.
- Engineer Neff stated that our award was the only stormwater basin. He stated the design is almost complete with some modifications as they change the layout of Nathan Hale Park. Engineer Neff stated that the goal is to be out to bid and under construction by this winter.

Councilman Verdile asked if it would be an underground basin, Engineer Neff replied it would be underground but open, not buried.

LEGISLATION

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

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Councilman McCall explained this a resolution accepting the amounts and rates that was determined by the Budget Commission. This is a yearly process and needed to be able to levy the taxes.

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

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17.

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL IPA (IPA), AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL IPA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Stavole explained this ordinance enables Parma Heights to participate in a joint purchasing program operated by or through a national or state association and there is no cost to the City.

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-43.

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.

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Daniel Rhyand, 6145 Denison, had concerns about the speeding cars on Denison and would like to see the mobile camera car placed on his street to deter speeders.

Council President Gallo asked the Mayor to pass that along to the Police Chief.

Kathy Walsh, 11362 Blossom, "I would like to know how much is left in the sewer fund and how much was there nine years ago and how much there is there today. From Terry's budget overview, it looks like we are up almost \$500,000, that's a half a million dollars from last year, from three things I wrote down, from the BWC rebate/refund, the towers and income tax, which is up \$25,000, \$21,000 something in that area. I have a concern that we can't balance the budget and have to lay people off when we are ahead a half a million dollars. It doesn't compute to me. I don't understand those numbers. We are down on healthcare, I read in the paper it was a budgetary issue, we are up a half a million dollars from last year.

Council President Gallo stated, "we are not going to get into a debate about personnel."

Ms. Walsh, "I am asking a question."

Council President Gallo, "the year is not over yet and we are going to be having budget discussions."

Ms. Walsh, "that is what Terry has budgeted."

Council President Gallo, "we are going to be having budget discussions going into '19 as well."

Ms. Walsh, "the budget discussion tonight are not true?"

Council President Gallo, "there will be follow up discussions."

Ms. Walsh, "also, all due respect Terry, the taxes that were paid out of the towers were for the ice rink. They were not for the towers and I think we should make that clear that was not about the towers those were from the ice rink."

Director Hickey, "what I said was the taxes are for the parcel that they are located on."

Ms. Walsh, "the average person would think those were for the towers."

Director Hickey, "that's fine, I'm just clarifying what I said."

Ms. Walsh, "since we had to use tower money to pay off taxes, where is the soccer rink stand with taxes and the contract?"

Council President Gallo, "the NEO Soccer facility? Do you want to comment on that Director Pokorny?"

Director Pokorny, "the NEO Soccer facility, the Council over a year ago passed a contract with them. They are paying now an increased rent, Mr. Hickey can help me out with that but part of the rent is real property tax on a monthly basis.

Director Hickey, "correct, they are now paying and have been for this new lease term. They are paying the property taxes on the parcel as part of their monthly rent."

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Ms. Walsh, "so if I go online will there be a valuation of the property over there? Is the tower taken into account on that property or is it just the building of the ice rink or the soccer facility?"

Director Hickey, "I believe what you would see is the valuation of the building and the land."

Ms. Walsh, "and my last question is what is the correct way to ask for a public records request because my name is still on how to request a public record request that has been in excess of ten months. So, the last public records request I got was fulfilled through a Planning Commission agenda and it took numerous months, at least four months."

Council President Gallo, "please clarify your question."

Ms. Walsh, "what is the correct way to ask for a public records request. If you go online for the instructions, the directions say to direct it to Kathy Walsh."

Council President Gallo, "we will update the instructions."

Ms. Walsh, "I would like a public record request answered in a timely fashion in the correct way. So I need to know how I need to ask for a public record request."

Council President Gallo, "are you not getting requests answered?"

Ms. Walsh, "the last one took four months and it was attached to a Planning Commission agenda. It was not answered in my public records request."

Council President Gallo, "is that the only one outstanding?"

Ms. Walsh, "as of right now, yes."

Council President Gallo, "who was it given to?"

Ms. Walsh, "I believe I sent it to the Law Director."

Council President Gallo, "thank you."

Mike Chapin, 6908 Parma Park Blvd., "I am here about trees, I see we have an award from 1990, a tree award, which is nice. Our trees are encroaching and they are safety problems, sidewalks are popping, the waste that they produce are causing sewer problems all over the City. I got cited for my sidewalk, thank you very much to whoever came Friday and cleaned up the mess that was created. So I got cited for my sidewalk and I have the second largest tree on the block. It's a beautiful tree, about 30% dead maybe 40%. Gotta be almost 200 years old. There is no way that tree is safe anymore. I have removed the trees around my house, that were maybe 60 years old, 30 years old that were overgrown. Why isn't there any maintenance going on those trees, I did see a crew today trimming trees. It was great, I saw them around a couple of times. I got cited for my sidewalk, OK. It's obvious I need a tree removed, a huge tree ruining my sidewalk. It wasn't a citation it was this. I thought it was a citation. I use reading glasses. I didn't see it wasn't a citation. I believe this is a scam to get me to fix the sidewalk that you really are responsible for. You're responsible for the tree, I can't touch the tree, there are roots everywhere, you told me your responsible for the roots, you've ground the roots, you've removed the roots. The roots ruined the sidewalk, I have pictures, why am I paying for the sidewalk."

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Council President Gallo, "you said you live at 6908 Parma Park?"

Mr. Chapin, "yes."

Council President Gallo, "again you are referring to your treelawn tree, Mrs. Teresi is it possible to send the arborist out to take a look at it?"

Mr. Chapin, "the arborist has been out three times in the last 10 years."

Mrs. Teresi, "he has been out."

Council President Gallo, "and his determination was it's alive and not diseased?"

Mrs. Teresi, "Richie feels there is no just cause in taking down the tree."

Mr. Chapin, "the tree is going to die now. There is a 3 ft. live root, the standard is three diameters of the tree away you don't cut the roots? It was the three foot root that was cut through, there is a one foot root cut through closer to the tree. The tree is going to die anyway. I didn't kill it, you did. So, anyway regarding the sidewalk, why is it my expense when its your roots. Everyone I have talked to said your roots. Jacqeline said your roots, we'll grind them out. Supervisor send people to remove the ground out roots. They're your roots that ruined my sidewalk. I'm asking to be reimbursed for my expenses. I got a great deal on my sidewalk, I need my \$950. Thank you."

Patty Marecki, 6326 Big Creek Parkway, "it's kind of a backup to what he is talking about, I just went through that. I live on the Parkway, so the tree on my treelawn is owned by the Parkway, I'm not allowed to take it down. The roots lifted up my sidewalk. The MetroPark owns the tree, the City owns the sidewalk and I just spent close to \$400 to have my sidewalk leveled. So if he is getting reimbursed, who is going to reimburse me. So I'm just kind of backing him up. And to have to have a massive tree like that torn down, I've had an estimate for a tree on my front yard that is mine, and it's like \$2,000 to have these trees taken down."

Mr. Chapin interjected a comment about removing a tree and the roots from his backyard. "I would like to know why the City can't run their own maintenance. A Building Inspector and my Council person told me it's too expensive, the City doesn't have the money. I have to say something, the City has the money to maintain the City. If you are going to use your trees as advertising and you use it as a benefit and asset in your advertising, how can you not budget anything. I heard \$10,000 in road repair for the quarter, the roads are shabby too. If you are not removing trees ever, there has been one removed on my street in the last 2 years that I've seen, and it was bigger than mine. So it does happen. It cost \$3,800, I know what it costs. There are tree guys that will do your work in the off season. You can't take the benefit of having the trees and say that movies were made on this street and putting it on your website the beautiful trees. There is 30% tree coverage, why is the homeowner paying for your maintenance."

Council President Gallo, "I will talk to you after the meeting, too."

Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar, I want to know what the status was of the police motorcycles.

Mayor, "I have not received an update as of yet."

Mr. Rob, "another question I have was there any type of a cost benefit survey or did anybody look at that before those things were sold?"

Council President Gallo, "I believe Chief Scharschmidt handled all of that, am I correct Mayor?"

Mayor, "absolutely."

Mr. Rob, "I would like to get a copy of that if I could."

Council President Gallo, "is there a copy of some sort of cost benefit or"

Mayor, "I will check with Chief Scharschmidt, I know it was discussed between him and Service Director Patten. Chief Scharschmidt and I also talked about it when we looked at the budget. The usage of the motorcycles and the impact it has on the staffing of the motorcycles, I'll see what he has for you."

Mr. Rob, "and by cost benefit I mean benefit, not only the dollars to the City but the safety to the City. Now this gentleman has left,"

Council President Gallo, "he is right behind you."

Mr. Rob, "if you want to do some traffic enforcement, you can put a police car in the street or that photo enforcement car, people see that. If you put a motorcycle somewhere, they don't see it. As councilperson, when people use to call us about that, we would call and they would send a motorcycle into the area, a car is well seen. As a former motorcycle officer, I can tell you that it is a very great benefit to have those. So if the cost benefit was just on money that is one thing, but what was the benefit to the residents as far as safety goes, that's what I'm concerned about. And his concern about Denison and the racing cars, the starting point is Greenbriar and Bennington, OK that's where I live. And I'm telling you right now, I know Officer Supelak use to come over there and sit over there. Within about three weeks, all that stuff went away. He would sit there in the morning, write all kinds of tickets, on the motorcycle, because he was down the street and they couldn't see him and it ended, because after a while people get to know what's going on and they see a car there and nothing's going on, they don't care. Motorcycles, they don't know if it's there or not. So I think if they haven't sold and they don't sell, then put them back where they were to improve the safety of the citizens. Thank you.

Council President Gallo, "thank you Mr. Rob."

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Patty Marecki, 6326 Big Creek Parkway, she noticed the Friendly's Restaurant on Bagley Road is torn down, she asked what the status of the Friendly's Restaurant on York Road is, if that one could be torn down too. She commented on the condition of the building.

Director Sebes replied that Friendly's is still the owner of that building. He would research what Middleburg Heights did to get that one torn down.

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

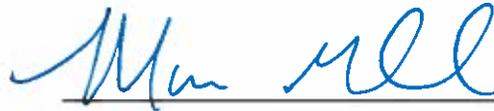
Aye: McCall, Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Verdile, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President

REPORT OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Review of City Expenditures)

COUNCIL MEETING:

9/24/18

REVIEW PERIOD:

8/31/18 -9/20/18

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:

\$389,080.63

RE-CAP OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES:

AMOUNT:

POLICE & FIRE PENSION - Employer Portion of Pension Exp (August Payrolls)	\$130,772.29
REPUBLIC SERVICES - Refuse/Recycling Collection & Disposal (August)	\$86,677.57
CITY OF PARMA - Regional Dispatch Fee (9/1/18-9/30/18)	\$36,962.31
ILLUMINATING CO. - Street & Traffic Lighting Expense (August)	\$9,745.18
DIRTWORKS - Emergency Waterline Repair (6234 Pearl Rd)	\$7,600.00
PHYSIO CONTROL - Annual Equipment Maintenance Contract (Fire Dept)	\$7,219.20
WESTVIEW CONCRETE - Materials for Concrete Repairs	\$6,741.30
DJL MATERIAL - Materials for Annual Crack Sealing	\$5,452.50

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission met on Monday, September 17, 2018 to discuss following items:

Consideration of a small cell antenna on a new utility pole at 9360 N. Church Drive. Application submitted by Black & Veatch for AT&T.

Application approved of a small cell antenna on a new utility pole contingent on applicant complying to Chapter 777 of the Parma Heights Codified Ordinances.

Consideration of a lot consolidation and building expansion at 6925 W. 130th Street, Urgicare. Application submitted by Dr. Carmen Popa.

Approval of the lot consolidation and building expansion with the stipulation that the plans meet final engineering approval and landscape approval.