

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

PRESENT: President of Council Gallo, Council Members Everett, Koch, Verdile, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole and Clerk of Council Bohdan.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Law Pokorny, Director of Finance & Personnel Hickey, Director of Public Service Patten, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin, Director of Public Safety Collins and Director of Recreation Moran.

Council President Gallo called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015 Council meeting.

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

**JANUARY 26, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 1/17/2015 through 1/30/2015 to be \$619,510.88. (detailed report attached)

Thomas Moran, Director of Recreation

- Valley Forge Pool is open to the public on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. through April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Cassidy Theatre will present "9 to 5" from 2/6/2015 through 2/22/2015.
- Baseball sign-ups will be on March 7, 2015 and March 14, 2015 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Yorktown Lanes Party Room.

Brent Collins, Director of Public Safety

- Entry Level Patrol Officer Exam will be given on March 21, 2015 with sign-ups through February 19, 2015. Information is on our website.
- A promotional Fire Lieutenants test is scheduled for February 28, 2015.
- Parma Heights Police Department received the Platinum Award, AAA's highest award for safety.
- The arsonist in the city hall fire had a pre-trial on February 5, 2015 and will have another pre-trial on February 11, 2015 to determine the jail sentence.

Councilman Verdile asked if a jury will try the arsonist and Director Collins replied that he would not have a jury trial because he admitted to the arson.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- A trip to Parma Heights Baptist Church on February 17, 2015 for a community dinner is scheduled.
- On February 12, 2015, the seniors will travel to B. A. Sweetie's for Valentine's Day treats.
- On February 11, 2015, there will be a speaker from Neighborly Home Health Care to explain the new benefits they have for veterans.

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Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report. Director Sebes explained that they continue to work on filling the empty buildings.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- No report in the absence of Mr. Neff.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department continues to maintain the roads during the snowfall with plenty of salt available.
- Crews continue to fill potholes that develop from the freezing and thawing. Quite a few have developed on Pearl Road, York Road and Ridgewood Drive.
- The sidewalk plow is out of commission because of engine problems. Director Patten is reviewing the feasibility of replacing the engine on this older piece of equipment or purchasing a new plow.

Councilman Stavole asked Director Patten how old the sidewalk plow is and Director Patten stated it is from 1978.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of Mayor's Court activity for January was reported. The total amount transferred into the city's general checking account from court activity was \$22,103.34. (detailed report attached)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- No report in the absence of Mayor Byrne.

**LEGISLATION**

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

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

**RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilman Stavole read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR ASPHALT MATERIALS AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

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Nay: None

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman Stavole explained that this resolution authorizes the Director of Public Service to advertise for competitive bids for asphalt materials.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adopt this Resolution.

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

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION IS 2015-1**

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

Nay: None

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilwoman DeSouza read AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 147.05 (HOURLY EMPLOYEES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman DeSouza explained that this ordinance would update this section of the Codified Ordinances.

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to adopt the ordinance.

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

Nay: None

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-5**

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

Nay: None

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Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 147.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (MINIMUM CALL-IN PAY) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman McCall explained that this is repealing the minimum call-in pay regarding Section 147.11.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adopt the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-6**

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilman Verdile read AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 147.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (OVERTIME) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman Verdile explained that this ordinance is a housekeeping measure to adopt terminology from the Federal Labor Standards Act. This affects who is and who is not eligible for overtime.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adopt the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-7**

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

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilwoman Koch read AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 147.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (UNIFORM ALLOWANCE) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to adopt the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-8**

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

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Councilwoman Everett read AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 179.07 (OVERTIME FOR NON-ALIGNED EMPLOYEES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman Everett explained that this ordinance brings terminology in line with the Fair Labor Standard Act regarding non-exempt employees.

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Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to adopt the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-9**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Gallo reminded the audience if they have a question or concern to stand, state their name, address, and direct their concerns to her.

Council President Gallo asked if there were any students in the audience. In attendance was Joe Flory, 6811 Orchard Boulevard, a Padua High School student who is working on his Eagle Scout requirements.

No comments by the audience.

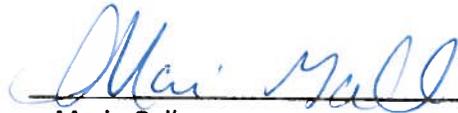
Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.**



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President