

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny, Director of Finance & Personnel Hickey, Director of Public Service Patten, City Engineer Neff, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin and Director of Recreation Moran.

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 approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 Council meeting.

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

Nay: None

FEBRUARY 8, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 2/6/2016 through 2/16/2016 to be \$651,579.31. (detailed report attached)

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Applications for Soccer are being accepted at the Recreation Office.
- Valley Forge Pool Open Swim, Tuesdays between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Proof of residency is required.
- Baseball Sign-ups will be held 3/5/2016 and 3/12/2016 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at City Hall.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- On March 8th, Connect Hearing will be providing free hearing screenings at the Senior Center.
- On March 4th, the Senior Center will transport the seniors to the German Central Fish Fry.
- The Senior Center will provide transportation for seniors to the Parma Public Library while the Parma Heights Library is being renovated.

Councilman Stavole asked Director McLaughlin what days the seniors would be transported to the Parma Library, the director replied Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

C. J. Onyak, City Engineer

- No report

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Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department is doing asphalt repairs throughout the City.
- This week the Service Department will start on the water box repairs.

Councilwoman Koch asked Director Patten what are water boxes. He replied that they are water valves that need to be repaired from water main breaks.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report

Mayor Michael Byrne

- No report

LEGISLATION

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

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Verdile read A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISSUE 23 THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES RENEWAL LEVY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION IS NO 2016-1.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREATER CLEVELAND AUTO AUCTION, PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilman Stavole explained that this ordinance would provide the City with auction services for an obsolete 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer and a 2007 Ford CVP.

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

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2016-3.

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

Aye: McCall, Verdile, Gallo, Koch, 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, 2016 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

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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Brad Landa, 6619 Big Creek Parkway, stated that he had an incident with a Parma Heights Police Officer and he felt that the officer was unprofessional and disrespectful to him. He did not fill out a complaint report but requested the incident be investigated. The Mayor explained that he was the Acting Safety Director and if Mr. Landa could leave his contact information with the Clerk, he would have his assistant set up a meeting to sit down and discuss the situation.

Carl Schanz, 6140 W. 130th, Brook Park, expressed his concerns about the recent ambulance billing policy the City has implemented. His mother received a bill for an ambulance run that happened four years ago. At that time, residents were told that the City would not actively pursue the difference between what the insurance company pays and what the cost of the run is. Mr. Schanz explains his mother is now in a nursing home and should not have to be concerned about something that happened four years ago. Mr. Schanz has a check for the amount owed but felt he needed to express his concerns.

Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar Drive, first commented on the ambulance billing issue. When he was Safety Director they did not pursue payment for the balance of the bills owed. The Mayor at that time did not want seniors to pay the difference. He wanted to know why that has changed. Director Hickey explained that there is a simple application form that can be filled out to verify financial difficulty if the resident is not able to pay the difference.

Mr. Rob's second concern was regarding a letter he received from the City about the rental property that he owns on North Church Drive. He feels that the rental property criteria does not pertain to him. He has asked to have someone from the City explain the bill he received to him and has not heard from the appropriate department. Director Patten addressed Mr. Rob and told him his office would call and set up an appointment to review his claim.

Suzanne Rezny, 10081 W. Ridgewood Drive, expressed her opposition to the charter amendment regarding deer management that has been placed on the March 15, 2016 Primary Election ballot.

Council President Gallo recognized Raghda Suwi, a Parma Heights resident who attends Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School who was attending the Council meeting for an assignment in her Government class.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation.

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

Nay: None

COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:24 P.M.

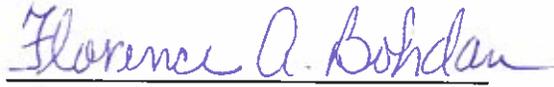
Council reconvenes from Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

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

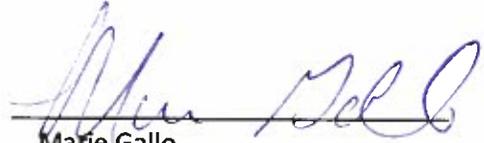
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Aye: Stavole, Koch, Gallo, Verdile, McCall and Everett
Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



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Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
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Council President