

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 26, 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, Assistant Law Director Schneider, Engineer Neff, Director of Public Service Patten, 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

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the March 12, 2018 Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

**MARCH 12, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to approve the March 19, 2018 Special Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

**MARCH 19, 2018 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 3/9/18 through 3/23/2018 to be \$868,761.04 (detailed report attached)

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- The next session of Yoga classes on Monday will run from March 12<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Thursday class will run from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Cassidy Theatre will present the production of *A Chorus Line* from April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will be held March 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Theater classes have begun and will run through April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Valley Forge Open Swim will continue through April 27<sup>th</sup>, except for April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Baseball sign-ups are ongoing.
- Spring Soccer sign-ups have begun.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- Since Easter is April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Senior Center will move their Sunday transportation program to the second Sunday in April.

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- On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the YMCA will be presenting a Diabetes Prevention program to the seniors at the Center.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, Engineer

- The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District notified the City that they would start clearing Columbo Park this week in preparation to start the project at the end of the month.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department has started transforming the spring equipment into service and disassembling the winter equipment for the year.
- In the next couple of weeks, the Service Department is hoping to get hot mix and start permanently patching the streets.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor acknowledge and thanked the Parma Heights Historical Society for the Easter Egg Hunt they held on Saturday, March 24. This was the second year for the event and the attendance has grown from 45 children to over 240 children. The Mayor acknowledged Fred Koch and the organization for the wonderful job they did with this event. The Historical Society also sponsors the Halloween Pumpkin Painting and participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Kids in the Commons.

**LEGISLATION**

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

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

Nay: None

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

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GOVPLANET, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman Stavole explained that this ordinance allows the City to auction on GovPlanet the following vehicles and equipment; 1985 Ford LN8000; 1996 Ford F800; 2000 Intl 4900; 2002 Intl 4300; 2006 Ford E450; 2006 Ford CVP; Lincoln Arc Welder and a Briggs Power Washer.

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

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12.**

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

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

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

Councilwoman Everett read AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1690, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

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

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13.**

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Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilman McCall 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.**

Councilwoman Danczak read AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A VEHICLE FROM THE PARMA COMMUNITY GENERAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION d/b/a UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS PARMA MEDICAL CENTER (UH) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman Danczak explained that this ordinance would allow the City to enter into a charitable donation agreement with University Hospitals Parma Medical Center whose mission is to provide access to the highest quality of healthcare. The City will receive a 2012 Ford E250 Transit Bus, which will enhance services that the City provides to its residents.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adopt this ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-14.**

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilman McCall 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.**

Councilwoman Danczak read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR GUARANTEED ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTORS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A GUARANTEED ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM, AND

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AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman Danczak explained that the Mayor and Council have been advised that an energy conservation program may provide funding that allows for guaranteed savings to the City's maintenance and operating budgets and to fund upgrades and modernization to infrastructure, which is financed over a period. The purpose of issuing this request is to identify and select a qualified provider or energy services company to perform the implementation of an energy savings performance contract.

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

Aye: McCall, Danczak, Gallo and Verdile  
Nay: Everett, Koch, Stavole  
Ordinance is adopted 4-3 without the emergency clause.

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-15.**

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

Aye: McCall, Danczak, Gallo, 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, 2018 AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD OF THREE READINGS.

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

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Verdile and McCall  
Nay: Everett, Stavole  
Ordinance passes 5-2.

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-16.**

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

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

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

Councilwoman Everett read AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) RENOVATING THE CASSIDY COMMUNITY CENTER AND (ii) RESURFACING PORTIONS OF PEARL ROAD, BERESFORD AVENUE, LAYOR DRIVE, QUEENS HIGHWAY AND NORTH CHURCH DRIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

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

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$345,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTING STUMPH ROAD FROM SNOW ROAD TO PEARL ROAD, INCLUDING BY INSTALLING SANITARY AND STORM SEWER LINES AND STORM DRAINAGE FACILITIES, WHERE NECESSARY, AND MAKING ALL RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak 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.**

Councilman McCall read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE ~~PURCHASE~~ ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH LANDMARK INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATING COMPANY, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD OF THREE READINGS.

Council President Gallo stated that the language of this ordinance changed during the readings, and she is asking for a motion to suspend the rules.

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

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

Nay: None

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilman McCall explained this is an ordinance authorizing the City of Parma Heights to assign to Landmark Infrastructure Operating Company the revenue stream from the leases currently located on the Greenbrier Cell Tower in exchange for a lump sum payout of \$1,917,526.00.

\$1,772,086 of the lump sum payment will be paid to the City by October 1, 2018, greatly assisting in meeting the revenue needs of the 2018 budget. It should be noted that this is an assignment of lease revenues only. The City will still own the Greenbrier Cell Tower, retaining the right to locate new cell tower companies on the tower during the term of the agreement. In addition, all cell leases will revert to the City at the conclusion of the lease assignment agreement.

Council President Gallo asked if there were any comments regarding this legislation.

Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar Drive, commented that the intent of the Council, who originally secured the cell towers in the City, was to ensure that the City had a yearly revenue stream. If this Council passes this ordinance tonight, they will take this away from themselves and future Councils. Mr. Rob wonders how the City with the highest tax rate in the state, gets into financial difficulties. He stated this is a terrible situation the City is in, and he asked how we got into this mess.

Kathy Walsh, 11362 Blossom, believes that voting on this ordinance is a pivotal time in the City of Parma Heights; it will make or break our future financial stability. You will not see the effects of this vote until after 2021, when none of the present Council will be sitting here because they will all be termed out. That is when the City will see the full effect of the loss of that money. She stated good decisions must be made today for tomorrow if we want to be a City. Ms. Walsh does not believe this is a financially sound decision to sell all of those leases. The leases run until 2053 and that is when they will come back to the City. The cell leases were put into place to be here for the City. Ms. Walsh is very disappointed that we weren't transparent with this very important decision that is being made, people don't know about it. She said residents would know about it in five years when we don't have the revenue to put into the General Fund. She hopes Council has thought about the future of Parma Heights and not just 2018.

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

Aye: McCall, Danczak, Gallo, Koch and Verdile

Nay: Everett, Stavole

Ordinance passes 5-2.

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17.**

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**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.

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

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

Nay: None

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.**



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President

**REPORT OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Review of City Expenditures)**

**COUNCIL MEETING:**

3/26/18

**REVIEW PERIOD:**

3/9/18 - 3/23/18

**EXPENDITURE TOTAL:**

\$868,761.04

**RE-CAP OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES:**

**AMOUNT:**

3/16/18 PAYROLL

\$295,479.21

REPUBLIC SERVICES - Refuse/Recycling Collection - February

\$80,549.74

REPUBLIC SERVICES - Refuse/Recycling Collection - January

\$79,939.71

AECOM TECHNICAL/DJ NEFF - Storm Sewer Flow Monitoring Project

\$32,360.00

CITY OF PARMA - Fee for Regional Dispatch Services (2/12/18 - 3/11/18)

\$25,909.00

CITY OF PARMA - Fee for Regional Dispatch Services (3/12/18 - 4/11/18)

\$25,909.00

CLEVELAND WATER - Annual Fee for Fire Suppression Water Usage

\$23,344.20

CITY OF PARMA/PARMA AUX. POLICE - Annual Fee for Auxiliary Police Services

\$15,000.00