

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2017

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Law Director Pokorny, Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey, Asst. Law Director Schneider, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling Teresi, City Engineer Neff, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin and Director of Recreation Moran

ABSENT: Councilman McCall and Director of Public Service Patten.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gallo at 8:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to excuse the absence of Councilman McCall.

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

Nay: None

COUNCILMAN MCCALL IS EXCUSED FROM THE JUNE 26, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation.

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

Nay: None

COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AT 8:03 P.M.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve the June 12, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

JUNE 12, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Verdile, in the absence of Councilman McCall, presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 5/31/2017 through 6/19/2017 to be \$721,220.09. (detailed report attached)

Council President Gallo closed the floor of the Council meeting and opened it for the Public Hearing on the 2018 Tax Budget.

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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 2018. 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 2018 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.

Director Hickey went into a detailed explanation of significant revenue and expenditure items and the assumptions he used to develop the 2018 Tax Budget.

Council President Gallo asked if there were any questions regarding the 2018 Tax Budget. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to approve the 2018 Tax Budget.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the 2018 Tax Budget.

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

2018 TAX BUDGET APPROVED.

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Flag Football registration will take place on Wednesday, June 28th from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Online registration will continue until program is full.
- Baseball/Softball season has started.
- The pool opened on Friday, June 9th and due to the hot weather, the pool has been crowded.
- Full Season sign-up for Soccer will take place at City Hall on July 6th and July 11th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Online registration begins June 23rd.
- Sand Volleyball League began Tuesday, June 13th and will continue on every Tuesday evening through July. We have received positive feedback regarding this program.
- Movie in the Commons will be held on Monday, July 17th and the movie will be *Sing*.
- Pickleball Courts will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Verdile asked if the Flag Football program would be played outside this year. Director Moran replied they would be inside.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- The Farmer Market Coupons will be available on Thursday, June 29th and it will be first come first serve for any Parma Heights resident 60 or older.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- The resolution Council passed on April 10, 2017 that supported the application for funding of the Phase 1 Environmental assessment of 6573 Pearl Road, received clearance and IMS Medical will be closing on the property by mid-July.

Council President Gallo asked for a motion to refer the Master Plan Update to the Planning Commission for its report and recommendations regarding the plan update to Council.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to refer the Master Plan Update to the Planning Commission for review.

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

Nay: None

MASTER PLAN UPDATE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- No report.

Michelle Teresi, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling

- No report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor stated that the City held its second Business Meeting at Yorktown Lanes on June 21st. Yorktown will be hosting a youth bowling tournament July 15th through July 21st. They expect 3600 participants with the weekend bringing approximately 5,000 to 6,000 spectators and over all approximately 13,000 attending the weeklong tournament. The local business will be promoting their business at the event.

LEGISLATION

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

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Koch read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS AND STRONGSVILLE FOR RESURFACING OF THE PORTION OF PEARL ROAD BETWEEN THE OHIO TURNPIKE BRIDGE IN STRONGSVILLE TO SOUTH OF SNOW ROAD IN PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to approve this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2017-13.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Danczak read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WIRELESS LEASE BUYOUT AT MUNICIPAL OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE GREENBRIAR MONOPOLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilwoman Danczak motion seconded by Councilman Verdile to suspend the rules.

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED WITH A VOTE OF 5-1. RESOLUTION NO. 2017-7.

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.

Robert & Maxwell Biehl, 10456 Halycon Drive, Maxwell stated that he would like the basketball hoop at the Commons returned to its original state so he is able to play basketball there. Robert contacted Director Moran and Director Moran told Mr. Biehl the Police requested the basketball hoop be removed. Director Moran offered suggestions on other facilities for Maxwell to play basketball. Mr. Biehl explained those were too far for him to walk when the Commons is five minutes away. Mr. Biehl asked what activities are there for teenagers at the Commons. Council President Gallo suggested Director Moran meet with Mr. Biehl after the meeting.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President