

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2015

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members McCall, Koch 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 Onyak, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of the Senior Center McLaughlin, and Director of Recreation Moran.

ABSENT: Councilwomen DeSouza and Everett.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gallo at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to excuse Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Nay: None

COUNCILWOMAN DeSOUZA EXCUSED ABSENCE.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to excuse Councilwoman Everett.

Aye: Verdile, Gallo, McCall, Stavole and Koch

Nay: None

COUNCILWOMAN EVERETT EXCUSED ABSENCE.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 Council meeting.

Aye: Gallo, Stavole, Koch and Verdile

Nay: None

Abstain: McCall

OCTOBER 13, 2015 COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 10/8/2015 through 10/21/2015 to be \$720,008.16. (detailed report attached)

In the absence of Councilwoman DeSouza, Council President Gallo presented the report from the October 19, 2015 Special Planning Commission meeting. (detailed report attached)

Thomas Moran, Director of Recreation

- The Flag Football and Soccer programs are finishing up for the year. The Recreation Department received a lot of positive feedback about the programs.
- The Recreation Department will once again offer open swim at Valley Forge High School starting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 through April 26, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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- The Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 5 p.m. at the Gazebo. The Recreation Department is asking for candy or cash donations, which will be used for the goody bags that are distributed to the children as they visit with Santa.
- The Cassidy Theatre will be presenting "*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*" from November 20, 2015 through December 6, 2015.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- On October 30, 2015, Ideal Home Healthcare will sponsor a Halloween Party for the Seniors.
- On November 5, 2015, Cleveland State Physical Therapy students will visit the Center to provide information on balance and fall prevention.
- On Saturday, November 7, 2015, Cub Scout Pack #263 will provide leaf raking for Seniors.
- The Senior Center will provide transportation for those attending Thanksgiving dinner at Royal Redeemer Church.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- Midas Muffler has been taken over by J & S Automotive.
- A local commercial businessman has bought the building at 6479 Pearl Road. At this time, the new owner is in negotiations to bring a tenant in that would lease ½ of the building.

C. J. Onyak, City Engineer

- Engineer Onyak gave a brief summary of the Illicit Discharge Ordinance that is on Council's agenda this evening. He explained that our Storm Water Management Program requires the City to prohibit illicit discharges to our storm water system and requires us to implement appropriate enforcement procedures and actions to detect and eliminate such illicit discharges. This ordinance established those procedures.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- Leaf Pick-up started in the City on Monday, October 26th with one crew out at this time.
- All winter equipment is being prepped for the upcoming season.
- The Service Department will continue to trim trees.

Councilman Stavole asked when the last leaf pick up would be scheduled. Director Patten explained that they would continue to pick up leaves until they are all picked up.

Councilwoman Koch asked with the purchase of the new truck, how many streets was the Service Department able to repair. Director Patten replied that the City has not received the new truck and we will not get it for another month.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- Director Hickey explained that in the last month he has filed two-reimbursement requests. The first is for expenses related to the City Hall fire and totaled approximately \$90,000. The second request was for the sanitary sewer expenses and that totaled \$170,000.

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Mayor Michael Byrne

- No report.

LEGISLATION

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

Aye: McCall, Stavole, Koch, Verdile and Gallo

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 935 ILLICIT DISCHARGE & ILLEGAL CONNECTION CONTROL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

Aye: Stavole, Koch, Verdile, Gallo and McCall

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

Aye: Stavole, Koch, Verdile, Gallo and McCall

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2015-38

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

Aye: Koch, Verdile, Gallo, McCall and Stavole

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Verdile 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, 2015 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

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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.

Rich Rob, 1676 Greenbriar Drive, reminded the audience that it was 44 years ago October 25, 2015 that Sergeant Robert Bennett was killed in a bank robbery in Parma Heights.

Mr. Rob stated that at the September 14, 2015 Council meeting he had asked for his \$4,000 donation for a scoreboard to be returned because he felt the City was not properly maintaining the scoreboard that was dedicated in his late father's memory. At this time, the City has not responded to his request. Council President Gallo asked Law Director Pokorny if once something is donated to the City if the City could legally return the donation.

Director Pokorny stated the he and Mr. Rob did have a conversation after the September 14th meeting and Director Pokorny explained that the City accepted the donation for the purchase of a scoreboard, purchased and installed the scoreboard and has owned it ever since. Director Pokorny also stated that once the City accepted the donation it was considered a gift and the City is not obligated to return the funds.

Mr. Rob stated that there were stipulations he made to the previous Administration when he donated the money, which he feels have been broken. He understands that Director Pokorny was not part of those conversations. Mr. Rob stated that he previously requested the Law Director's opinion in writing. Director Pokorny replied that he is giving it to him verbally. Mr. Rob again requested the opinion in writing.

Council President Gallo asked Mr. Rob if the approved minutes from this meeting would suffice as a written opinion. Mr. Rob replied that he would accept the minutes as a written statement.

Scott Mason, 6392 Stratford, he would like to know why we cannot get other cable companies into the City besides Cox.

Director Pokorny responded that in 2007, state legislatures passed a house bill that assigned regulations of cable TV to the State Department of Commerce. Cities have nothing to do with cable services. If a cable company wants to provide service to a particular city, they must apply to the Department of Commerce for approval. When approved, the cable company will then be required to apply to the city for the appropriate installation permits. That is when the city learns of the cable company's interest in providing service to their market. Director Pokorny reiterated that the City of Parma Heights has no control over cable providers entering our City.

Mr. Mason thanked Director Pokorny for the information as a WOW representative told him that the City had control over what cable companies entered a particular area.

Scott Miller, 6254 Colebrook Drive, expressed concerns about a neighbor who has a strobe light as part of their Halloween decorations. He stated that he checked our Codified Ordinances for clarification of strobe

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lights as a nuisance and did not find anything addressing this issue. He asked that Council review this ordinance and possibly add a section pertaining to strobe lights.

Greg McKinney, 6809 Maplewood Drive, at the last Council meeting he asked that the Building Department have an inspector inspect 6975 Maplewood Drive for stuff piled outside of the house. He had the wrong address. The correct address is 6795 Maplewood Drive. Mr. McKinney asked that this address be inspected and please have someone call him with the results of the inspection.

Donna Miller, 6254 Colebrook Drive, explained that she contacted the Building Department last week of a property maintenance issue at 6240 Colebrook Drive. The weeds from this yard are overgrown and encroaching on her property. The inspector informed the renter of the violation. Mrs. Miller stated that the renter retaliated by approaching her and screaming at her. Mrs. Miller is very upset about the confrontation and is asking Council for advice on how to proceed with this situation. Council President Gallo told her that if she ever feels threatened she should contact the Police Department. Mrs. Miller stated that she would fill out a police report and start a paper trail because this is an ongoing situation with this neighbor.

Cindy Rosko, 6295 Old Virginia Lane, expressed concerns about the traffic before and after school in her neighborhood. It seems that parents picking up their children from school are waiting at the entrance of her development and blocking traffic for the residents coming and going to their homes. Mrs. Rosko asked if there was something that could be done to alleviate the situation.

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

Aye: Koch, Verdile, Gallo, McCall and Stavole

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 p .m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President