

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 22, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny, 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.

ABSENT: Director of Finance & Personnel Hickey and Director of Public Safety Collins

Council President Gallo called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Gallo stated that Item #8 on the agenda would be read in its entirety.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 Council meeting.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: McCall

JUNE 8, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Verdile presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 5/30/2015 through 6/17/2015 to be \$849,084.82. (detailed report attached)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor presented a proclamation to Iren Cseko, owner of the Parma Heights Beauty Salon who is celebrating 50 years of her successful business. Iren and her husband Louis, now deceased, were born in Hungary. They fled Hungary and came to the United States. In 1962, they became citizens of the United States of America. Iren studied cosmetology at Grace School of Cosmetology. In 1965, she purchased the Parma Heights Beauty Salon at 6330 Pearl Road and has lived and worked the past 50 years in Parma Heights. Iren takes pride in her Hungarian heritage and her work. The Mayor and City Council acknowledged Iren's accomplishments as a successful business owner in Parma Heights.
- The Mayor was notified that 1099 ratified their contract. He explained that since Council will be on Summer Break, a Special Meeting would be needed to approve the contract. At that time, he would also like to schedule a Work Session and have Chief Teel present the pay ordinance for the Civilian Clerks in the Police Department.

Councilwoman Desouza asked when the Mayor would like to have this meeting. The Mayor explained he would like to schedule it before July 15th.

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Thomas Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball is going well but the weather has been an issue.
- Cassidy Theatre will be presenting *"The Producers"* through June 28, 2015.
- The outdoor pool is open but the weather has caused some closings.
- 70 registered for Flag Football during sign-ups. That is an increase of 30 participants from last year.
- On Saturday, June 20, 2015, the Recreation Department presented the summer movie, *"Despicable Me"*, which was well attended.
- Summer Concerts will start on July 26, 2015 at Parma Heights' gazebo.

Councilman Stavole asked Director Moran who is Wayne Miller and why are the tennis courts named after him. Director Moran, as well as the Mayor, did not know who that was. The Mayor asked Councilman Stavole if the signs looked new and he said they did. The Mayor said he would find out who that was and why the tennis courts are named after him.

Councilman Stavole also explained that he has pictures of the high grass at the Reservoir field. The grass was so high that there was a dead deer in the outfield that was not visible because of the grass. Director Moran explained that they were not able to cut that area because of the rain, the rest of the field had been cut. Councilman Stavole asked if there was anything that can be done to prevent this from happening again.

Mayor Byrne explained the Administration needs to be notified immediately if this happens. In the future, we will have the coaches and managers walk the fields to insure this incident does not happen again.

Brent Collins, Director of Public Safety

- No report in the absence of Director Collins

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- During the summer months, the Senior Center has many activities planned for the seniors.
- Seniors can access the Senior Center newsletter on the City website.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked Director Sebes if he knew what was going on in the building next to the Get Go. Director Sebes explained that it was being renovated but the process has been extremely slow.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- The project signs for the Ackley Road project will be going up on Wednesday, with the detour signs being placed on Thursday and reconstruction starting by the end of the week. He explained it is a 4 to 5 week project.

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Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department has almost completed the patching of holes in the City.
- Once the patching is complete, they will start grinding. The weather has slowed the process this year.

Councilwoman Koch thanked Director Patten for the patch work that was done on Woodview Blvd.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked Director Patten what the status is on the house that burned down on Nelwood a couple of years ago. Director Patten explained that the house was still under permit. The progress has been slow but as long as the permit is still active, there is nothing the Building Department can do to speed up the process.

Councilman McCall asked Director Patten if the units on Stumph Road were going to be finished soon. Director Patten explained that the building should be completed in the next month.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report in the absence of Director Hickey.

LEGISLATION

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Stavole read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman Stavole explained that this ordinance allows the Mayor to enter into a 10-year lease with three options of five years to provide continued services of the Cuyahoga County Public Library at the Parma Heights Branch Library.

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

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-23

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilwoman Koch read AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 147.19 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PERMIT THE PARMA HEIGHTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES TO PROVIDE BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES TO THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS AND TO ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WITHOUT A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Koch explained that this ordinance was another example of Parma Heights regionalizing services with other communities in our area.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adopt this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-24.

Councilwoman Everett read AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE 2016 FORD F-750 CAB/CHASSIS WITH CENWELD "STORM FORCE" DUMP/SPREADER PACKAGE VIA A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH KEY GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SAID AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

Councilwoman Everett read this ordinance in its entirety.

Councilwoman Everett asked Director Patten if this new vehicle would be replacing a vehicle that the City purchased in 1977. Director Patten replied yes.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS 2015-25.

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 direct their comment to her.

Don Sweeney, 6707 Greenleaf Avenue, wanted to thank the Service Department for the nice job they did patching Appleton.

Emery Pinter, 10965 Lawndale Drive, had a list of questions. He wanted to know if the survey for the TLCI grant will be posted online and if it will be when it will be posted.

Mr. Pinter commented that he thinks the former Church in the Woods property is deplorable the way it has been left.

Mr. Pinter brought pictures of Blossom Avenue and the condition it is in, holes and rocks throughout the street. He believes with the laid off Service Department employees the department is not able to keep up with the workload.

Mr. Pinter commented about the vacant homes' maintenance program and asked if there was any accountability after a private contractor had been hired to maintain the property. He explained that the home on his street had the grass cut three times in one week. He knows the cost is assessed to the tax duplicate but are the contractors taking advantage of the situation.

Council President Gallo explained to Mr. Pinter that the Administration would respond to his question regarding the survey being posted online. She also commented that the Service Director would check on the condition of Blossom Avenue. Council President Gallo asked Mr. Pinter to get the address of the vacant home in question to the Clerk of Council and we would investigate that situation.

Tracy Stroebel, Cuyahoga County Public Library, along with Nick Cronin, Parma Heights Branch Manager, wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for adopting the legislation for a long-term lease for the library in Parma Heights. The collaboration between the Library and the City assures that the Parma Heights Library branch will be here well into the future. Ms. Stroebel stated the renovations to the Library will start before the end of the year and she will keep the Mayor and Council updated on the progress.

The Mayor commented that he was disappointed that Mr. Pinter did not comment on the lease agreement with the Library. Mr. Pinter was very vocal about the possible closing. The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Cuyahoga County Public Library administration; Tracy, Sari, and Nick for their hard work and dedication to keeping this branch open. The Mayor also expressed sincere thanks to our Law Director, Mike Pokorny, our former Law Director, Tony Stavole and to Brian Morgan, the Library's attorney for the work they did in getting the agreement to a workable place for both parties. The Mayor expressed how

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happy he was that the Parma Heights Library will be staying open and will continue to be a viable part of our community.

Pat Pekarek, 11661 Appleton Drive, wanted to remind everyone of the Parma Pierogi Run/Walk which will be held on July 5, 2015. This event benefits many charities, one of them being the Parma ABLE Program (Adult Basic Literacy Education). This program is only funded through grants and donations and she is encouraging everyone to participate.

Councilman Verdile asked where the run would take place. Mrs. Pekarek replied at Tri-C.

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

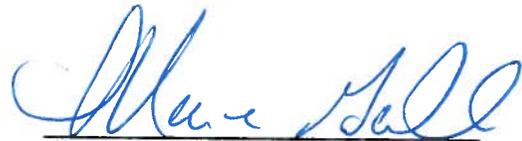
Aye: Verdile, Gallo, McCall, DeSouza, Stavole, Everett and Koch

Nay: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 P.M.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President