

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 28, 2016

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members Koch, Everett, McCall, Danczak, Verdile, 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 the Senior Center McLaughlin and Director of Recreation Moran.

ABSENT: Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey and Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Nay: None

**COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:01 P.M.**

Council reconvenes from Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2016 Council meeting.

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

Nay: None

**MARCH 14, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 3/8/2016 through 3/22/2016 to be \$488,568.69. (detailed report attached)

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball sign-up continues at the Recreation Office in City Hall. The late fee has been waived.
- The Soccer season will begin April 9, 2016.
- Valley Forge Pool Open Swim, Tuesdays between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. through the end of April.
- The Greenbriar Art League meets Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Community Room B at Cassidy Theatre.

Councilwoman Everett asked how the numbers for baseball sign-up compare to last year. Director Moran replied that they are about the same and that is why they have waived the late fee to encourage more sign-ups.

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Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- On April 2, 2016, the Senior Center will transport seniors to AJ's Urban Grill.
- On April 9, 2016, the seniors will travel to Amish country to enjoy a meal at Mary Yoders. The Center will transport the seniors.
- University Hospital is offering prevention classes the second Wednesday of the month and the classes are open to the public. April's class is on stroke prevention.

Councilman Stavole asked if the Center would be transporting seniors to the class. Director McLaughlin replied that they would be providing transportation.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- .No report due to Mr. Sebes' absence.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- No report.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department will be picking-up hot mix next week, weather permitting, to start patching the streets.
- The street sweeper will be out to start cleaning up the winter debris.

Councilwoman Koch asked if the truck has been delivered. Director Patten explained that it should be delivered the second or third week in April. It will be used exclusively for hot patch.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report due to Mr. Hickey's absence.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- Parma UH is offering CPR classes to the employees at City Hall.

Councilman Verdile asked if Council was able to take the class and he replied that it was open to Council.

**LEGISLATION**

Councilwoman Koch 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 Koch read AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1321 BUILDING FEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Councilwoman Koch explained that this ordinance corrects errors in the previous legislation regarding building fees.

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

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

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO. 2016-4.**

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch 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.**

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. THIRD OF THREE READINGS.

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

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

Comment by Councilwoman Everett. This budget takes us into 2017 with a balance of \$438,000 and some odd change. This is \$437,000 less then we started 2016 with. I question some of the revenue figures, council benefits and directors' salary increases, so for those reasons I vote no.

Comment by Councilman Stavole. I don't think at this time we should be giving raises across the board to our directors. I vote no.

Council President Gallo stated the ordinance passes 5-2.

**ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE IS NO 2016-5.**

Mayor Byrne commented on the no votes from Councilwoman Everett and Councilman Stavole. The Mayor would appreciate in the future if Councilman Stavole or Councilwoman Everett has any questions if they would let us know. These are not raises only to the directors; these are raises to all non-bargaining members. Terry and I are extremely cautious and do not give out raises haphazardly to non-bargaining employees. I would encourage both Councilman Stavole and Councilwoman Everett to do a comparison on what other directors make in other cities and you will see that Parma Heights is extremely under paid when it comes to directors. I am very fortunate to have the directors that I have, many of them are doing more than one job, as are many of the non-bargaining employees. Thank you Madame President.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch 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 PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000 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.

**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.

Lenny Rock, 9181 Ackley, welcomed new Councilwoman Danczak. He asked for a copy of the deer management resolution that was on the ballot for the March Primary Election and passed. Mr. Rock also wanted to know if there were any rules and regulations regarding the deer management program.

Director Pokorny explained that the issue that was on the ballot was an advisory election where the residents voted in favor of recommending to Council that the deer-hunting ordinance be passed. Council still needs to take action. Mr. Rock asked if there was a committee to set the rules and regulations regarding this draft ordinance. Director Pokorny explained that the cities involved along with consultation from ODNR have drafted the rules. Clerk Bohdan stated that she would get Mr. Rock a copy of the ordinance after the meeting.

Pat Pekarek, 11661 Appleton, noticed that after many years that the Party in the Commons will not be occurring as it has in the past. The Ohio Flags of Honor will again be there but is there anything else the City can offer our disconnected community that would bring them together and give them a sense of community involvement and that this is a wonderful place to live.

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Mayor Byrne responded to Mrs. Pekarek's comments. The Mayor acknowledged that the City has scaled back. He explained that between Holy Family Church, St. John Bosco Church and the City they tried not to overlap each other's events; Holy Family's festival being the first weekend in August, the City's the second weekend and St. John Bosco's the third. Because of when the children go back to school this year, St. John Bosco is pushing their event up to the second weekend in August. The City cannot compete with what St. John Bosco offers at their festival. The Mayor stated that there is discussion on additional activities at the pool and the theatre for families and seniors. He said he might form a committee to research possible events to encourage community involvement. Mayor asked Mrs. Pekarek if she would be interested in serving on that committee.

Councilman Verdile volunteered to be involved with this committee.

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

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**



Florence A. Bohdan  
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo  
Council President