

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Byrne, Assistant Law Director Schneider, Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling Teresi, Engineer Neff and Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes.

ABSENT: Law Director Pokorny, Director of Public Service Patten and Director of Recreation Tal.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Gallo announced that the Public Hearing and third reading of legislation scheduled for this evening regarding the Nathan Hale Stormwater Basin Project has been canceled. Adjustments are being made to the plans and will be resubmitted once they are completed.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the May 13, 2019 Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

Abstain: McCall, Verdile

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Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 5/11/2019 through 5/24/19 to be \$379,046.07 (detailed report attached).

Joe Tal, Director of Recreation

- No report in the Director's absence.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, Engineer

- No report.

Councilman McCall asked if there was an update on the Parkhill situation. Engineer Neff replied that it is on their schedule but they have not made a commitment on when the repairs will happen. Engineer Neff stated there are small broken pipes very deep.

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Michelle Teresi, Director of Housing, Building & Recycling

- No report.

Councilwoman Koch thanked the Service Department for all of their help with the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Councilwoman Koch asked if the City could purchase new flags because many of the flags in her ward are shredded. Director Teresi said they would look into pricing for new flags.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- No report.

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor announced the start of the free Yoga classes on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.
- The Mayor reminded Council that Parma Heights would not be hosting the Ohio Flags of Honor this year. The City did not deny them coming here this year; they are looking to expand in other areas of the state. The city of Strongsville will be hosting them on Friday, May 31st.
- On Friday, May 24th, Incarnate Work Academy had a military walk through the city of Parma Heights. It started with a mass lead by Bishop Perez. This year the walk came through City Hall, they came in the back door and out the front door on their way to the Police and Fire Station.
- The Mayor thanked Recreation Director Tal and Service Director Patten and all of their departments for their help in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. This is the 152nd year that Parma Heights has hosted this event.
- The Mayor is asking for approval of Michael Kelly to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to approve the appointment of Michael Kelly to the Parma Heights Planning Commission.

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

Nay: None

MICHAEL KELLY APPROVED TO SERVE ON THE PARMA HEIGHTS PLANNING COMMISSION.

- The Mayor swore-in Michael Kelly as a member of the Planning Commission.

Councilman McCall stated that he has known Mr. Kelly for many years and his level of service to community is second to none and pleased to have him on the Planning Commission.

Councilman Verdile agreed with Councilman McCall and stated that he is a dedicated, intelligent and good person.

- The Mayor is asking for approval of nine residents to serve on the Charter Review Commission, which meets every 10 years.

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Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilman McCall to approve the appointments to the 2019 Charter Review Commission.

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

CHRIS GRUNDEL, SUE DURICHKO, LESLEY DESOUZA, CHRISTOPHER KOLEZYNSKI, RICK HAASE, SARAH BODROCK, TOM ROUNDS, RENEE ESTREMER AND PETE FOLGER WERE APPROVED TO SERVE ON THE 2019 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

Councilman McCall wanted to thank the Mayor for the wonderful event yesterday and wanted to acknowledge the good job Director Tal is doing on keeping the parks clean, the pool repaired and painted, the tennis courts have been cleaned up and the repainting of the swing set.

LEGISLATION

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

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

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FUND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Danczak explained that this resolution is needed to make application to cover the cost of the environmental assessment of the property by the Cuyahoga County Brownfield Redevelopment Fund.

Kathy Walsh, 11362 Blossom Avenue, asked "how much manpower and dollars does it cost to take care of one of these parks. I never got an answer the last time I asked about this. I was just wondering because last week the Mayor had commented that we were down seven people in the Service Department so I'm just kind of wondering why we would tax a department that is so unmanned with another job and in fact two more jobs, two more pieces of property to maintain in the City."

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

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

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-7.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE OHIO PATROLMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (O.P.B.A.), WITH RESPECT TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF POLICE CAPTAIN, POLICE SERGEANT, IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-19.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett 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.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING,

PERMITTING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTING WATER IMPROVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole 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.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING WEST 130TH STREET BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY RESURFACING AND REPLACING CONCRETE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole 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.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING, PERMITTING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTING A DETENTION BASIN WITHIN THE CITY; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman Verdile motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole 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.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$425,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT FOR CITY USE, INCLUDING SIGNAGE FOR CITY HALL, AN ASPHALT RECYCLER, GENERATORS FOR CITY BUILDINGS, POLICE TASERS AND POLICE VEHICLES; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; 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.

Darrall Ganiere, 10965 Barrington Blvd. complained about the flooding in his backyard and stated that there is a storm sewer that is filled with debris so it can't drain. In the summer, they get mosquitos and bugs because of the standing water. Mr. Ganiere said there are trees along the back of their yards, there are branches coming down off the trees, and nothing has been done to fix the problem. He continued and said that if a branch falls on the transformer that is behind his property, it will take out the whole area. Mr. Ganiere believes that the trees are on the CEI easement and they need to be trimmed or removed. Mr. Ganiere complained about the condition that North Church Drive is in. He stated that from York Road to the bridge the street needs to be addressed. Engineer Neff replied that they have had budgets put together on North Church for years and are aware of the condition it is in and it is an expensive project because of the subgrade below.

Timothy Maxin, 10883 Lafayette Drive, gave a proposal to increase the cost of trash pick-up. Based on information from the last Council meeting, residents pay \$850,000 and the City pays \$150,000 of the \$1 mil/year contract with Republic. Mr. Maxin's proposal would increase the monthly cost to the residents by \$5/month with additional bulk pick-ups throughout the year. The monthly increase to the residents would increase revenue for the City by approximately \$214,000/year. Proposal is attached.

Kathy Walsh, 11362 Blossom Avenue, asked, "Director Hickey mentioned the figure of \$597,000 that was owed to Wells, is that coming from the \$350,000 that we are getting for the settlement that was discussed at Caucus?"

Council President Gallo responded that we are not going to answer, just put your questions out there and we can get the answers to you.

"Is there any liability on that money, the \$350,000 or zero or whatever that number is? What was the total in interest, litigation and appeals, the entire total cost of the Cornerstone litigation?"

"I want to ask about the sign, we are borrowing money to fix a piece of chattel out front, and how much is that? When you add in interest and fees how much does that sign cost us. In my mind, it's like taking out a second mortgage for a big screen TV. It isn't really fiscally responsible to borrow money for a piece of chattel. So I was wondering what that sign is going to cost us at the end of the day."

Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar, asked, "in the Memorial Day Parade there has been a police car that memorializes Sergeant Bennet's untimely death in the bank robbery where he was murdered over 25 years ago. At the parade this year, they didn't have that and he wondered why. The Mayor responded that the car was there but there was not a sign on it and the Mayor is looking into why that happened.

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Mr. Rob also stated that he was very disappointed that he was not appointed to the Charter Review Commission. As a longtime resident and employee of the City, he thought he would be an asset to the Commission.”

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues regarding employment.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 P.M.

Council reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President

REPORT OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Review of City Expenditures)

COUNCIL MEETING:		
5/28/19		
REVIEW PERIOD:		
5/11/19 - 5/24/19		
EXPENDITURE TOTAL:		\$379,046.07
RE-CAP OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES:	AMOUNT:	
5/24/19 PAYROLL		\$313,267.94
ILLUMINATING CO. - Electric Usage at City Facilities (April)		\$7,198.87
NAPA AUTO PARTS - Parts for Vehicle Repairs (April)		\$6,813.03
MEYERS EQUIPMENT - Repaira/Bodywork on Senior Center Bus		\$5,762.46
WALTER HAVERFIELD - Legal Fees - Cornerstone Assessment Settlement (April)		\$5,110.00
CUYAHOGA LANDMARK - Vehicle Fuel (4/26 Delivery)		\$4,625.82
COX COMMUNICATIONS - Phone/Internet Charges - City Facilities (May)		\$3,394.40



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DATE: May 24, 2019
TO: All members of Council
FROM: Mayor Michael P. Byrne
RE: Planning Commission

I am forwarding the following name for your approval for an appointment to the Planning Commission:

Michael Kelly

Michael Kelly has been a resident of Lucy Drive since 1991. He and his wife have been married for 38 years and are the parents of three sons and four grandchildren. He is an enrolled agent and owner of Kelly's Tax and Financial Services which was started by his late father in 1963.

Mr. Kelly has been a member of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce for more than 25 years and has served for many years on the Parma Heights Tax Board of Appeals. He is also active in many charities, especially for the youth in our area.

Thank you for your consideration.



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DATE: May 24, 2019
TO: All members of Council
FROM: Mayor Michael P. Byrne
RE: Charter Review Commission

I am forwarding the following names for your approval to the 2019 Charter Review Commission:

Chris Grundel (5950 Hodgeman), lifelong resident and Assistant Manager at Walgreens

Sue Durichko (10807 Blossom), one year resident and Director of Nursing at Royalton Woods Assisted Living

Lesley DeSouza (6245 Springwood), 65 year resident, retired from Cuyahoga County, former Ward 2 council representative for eight years

Christopher Kolezynski (9160 Stonington), 15 year resident, Attorney-at-Law and Threat Analyst/Instructor at Cyber Resilience Institute/Sports-ISA0

Rick Haase (6654 Newbury), 50 year resident and Director of Admissions and Marketing at St. Paul Westlake Lutheran Church and School

Sarah Bodrock (6358 Denison), 25 year resident and Pediatric Care Coordinator at MetroHealth Medical Center

Tom Rounds (7015 Orchard), 19 year resident and retired Brunswick City Schools teacher currently working for the Ohio Department of Education as the Northeast Ohio Regional Field Specialist

Renee Estremera (6350 Old Virginia Lane), 35 year resident and Operations Director at Healthcare Process Consulting, Inc.

Pete Folger (11076 Westborough), 11 year resident and Pastor, Cleveland Baptist Church

Parma Heights

Trash Pricing/Increased Revenue Proposal

(Numbers Based On Last Council Meeting)

\$1 Million Refuse Company Contract Currently

\$850K Parma Heights Residents Pay

\$150K Parma Heights City Pays

6263 (Guesstimate) PH Residents

Current Details:

\$11.31 a month for trash pickup

\$135.72 a year

10% reduction for seniors

52 trash pickups a year

12 bulk pickups

9 months yard waste pick up (every week)

\$2.83 a week average for trash pickup

Proposal:

\$16.31 new price per month (\$5.00 more)

\$195.72 a year per resident

\$1.225 Million new total that residents will pay a year (combined residents)

\$61K Reduction from 10% discount of roughly half the residents in PH (3,132 Guesstimate on senior residents)

\$1.164 Million is new total per year with senior discounts

\$3.77 average per week

New Details:

PH residents now subsidize the city's trash

If Refuse Company is willing to take a 10% increase for a three year contract, total would be \$100K making a new grand total \$1.1 million a year

With the 10% increase for the refuse company and \$5.00 a month increase for the residents, residents & the city will maintain current services and also ADD 4 extra bulk pickups a year (quarterly with strategic times).

With the new proposal being put in place, see new numbers below:

Refuse contract \$1.1 million dollars a year

Residents pay \$1.164 million a year

Now \$64K of the \$1.164 goes into general fund i.e. road repair/infrastructure/police/fire/where needed

Also the \$150K PH city was previously paying (before this new contract) also goes into the general fund i.e. road repair/infrastructure/police/fire/where needed

\$214K Total Savings/New Revenue Potential