

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Byrne, Law Director Pokorny, Director of Finance and Personnel Hickey, Director of Public Service Patten, Director of Community and Economic Development Sebes, Director of Recreation Tal and Assistant Law Director Schneider

ABSENT: Councilman Verdile, Councilman McCall and Engineer Neff.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to excuse the absence of Councilman Verdile and Councilman McCall.

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

COUNCILMAN VERDILE AND COUNCILMAN MCCALL ARE EXCUSED FROM THE MAY 13, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING.

The Mayor recognized the retirement of Fire Chief Bryan Sloan. Chief Sloan served on the Parma Heights Fire Department for 31 years and became chief in 1997. He also served under Mayor Cassidy and Mayor Zanotti. He was involved in many organizations pertaining to fire, fire safety and EMS. Chief Sloan was part of the team that brought paramedics to the City of Parma Heights. The Mayor stated on behalf of the late Mayor Cassidy, former Mayor Zanotti, myself and Council, he thanked him for his commitment, dedication and service to the residents of Parma Heights.

The Mayor also recognized Detective Luke Berry from the Police Department. The Mayor stated that he has been in our thoughts, prayers, and we are glad things worked out for him and his family.

Chief Scharschmidt will be presenting Detective Berry with an award for his actions on June 20, 2018. The Chief thanked the Mayor and Council for their support through this difficult time.

Chief Scharschmidt introduced Sergeant Lindh and Officer Jackson. They developed the awards program and continue to work on improving it. Sergeant Lindh and Officer Jackson gave a brief presentation on the different types of awards that were available to the department and what was involved in receiving them.

Chief Scharschmidt explained the circumstances surrounding the incident on June 20, 2018. On June 20, 2018, Parma Police Officer Pete Shepatak made a traffic stop on Stumph Road, near Huffman Road in the southbound curb lane. At that time, Detective Berry was traveling northbound on Stumph Road and witnessed that the vehicle did not immediately stop for Officer Shepatak. Hearing that Officer Shepatak's back up was a ways away, Detective Berry made a u-turn and backed up Officer Shepatak. During the course of the traffic stop, Officer Shepatak asked the male driver to exit his vehicle. Upon doing so, Detective Berry observed that the male had a firearm in his waistband and was reaching for the weapon.

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Detective Berry immediately called out and alerted Officer Shepatak about the firearm. Officer Shepatak engaged the male in a bear hug but the male was able to brandish his firearm and discharge the weapon in the direction of Detective Berry. Detective Berry was struck by gunfire, severely injuring his left leg. Detective Berry and Officer Shepatak were both able to draw their duty firearms and engage the male with return fire and eliminated the threat. Detective Berry then crawled to the side of the road where back up officers applied a tourniquet to his wounded leg stabilizing him until the arrival of the Parma Heights Fire Department. The actions of these officers together are fully responsible for saving each other's lives that day. For his actions during this critical incident, Detective Luke Berry is being awarded the Parma Heights Police Department's Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Medal.

Detective Luke Berry expressed what an honor it is to receive these awards and thanked the department for their ongoing support.

Council President Gallo announced that the Public Hearing scheduled for this evening regarding the Nathan Hale Stormwater Basin Project has been rescheduled for the Council meeting on Tuesday, May 28th. On May 28th there will be the Public Hearing and third reading on this issue. The hearing was postponed because of the public meeting the Mayor scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 7 p.m. at Cassidy Theatre.

Council President Gallo asked for a motion to table Item #13 on this evening's Council agenda. This has to do with voluntary sick leave donation program. At this time, Council does not have enough information to deal with this issue, especially with the issue of revenue enhancers being discussed. Council will focus more on that and re-visit this issue of sick time donation later.

Council President Gallo motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to table Item #13 on Council's agenda.

Aye: Everett, Danczak, Gallo, Koch and Stavole

Nay: None

ITEM #13 ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA WAS TABLED.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the April 22, 2019 Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

APRIL 22, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the May 6, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett and Danczak

Nay: None

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MAY 6, 2019 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

In Councilman McCall absence, Council President Gallo presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 4/16/2019 through 5/10/19 to be \$1,013,879.27 (detailed report attached).

Joe Tal, Director of Recreation

- A reminder about the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.
- The outdoor pool is being readied for the June 1st opening.

Councilman Stavole asked if the pool isn't ready by June 1st is there a backup date for the opening, Director Tal replied the pool would be ready for opening on June 1st.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report.

Dan Neff, Engineer

- No report in the Engineer's absence.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- No report.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of the Mayor's Court activity for April was reported. The total amount transferred into the City's general checking account from Court activity was \$26,279.93. (report attached)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor announced that there would be a public meeting regarding the Nathan Hale Stormwater Basin project on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Cassidy Theatre.
- On Friday, May 10th, the Mayor attended the dedication ceremony at Valley Forge for the memorial for the 15 alumni killed in Vietnam. The keynote speaker was Clark Dugan, a Valley Forge graduate, who wrote more than 20 books on the Vietnam War. The Mayor commented the ceremony was very moving and encouraged the audience to visit the memorial.
- The Garden Club had their flower sale on Saturday, May 11th. They collected over \$300 and the money will be used for the continuing of the planting of daffodils in the fall. Any flowers that were left over from the sale will be planted in the parks and at City Hall.
- The Mayor announced that on May 24th Incarnate Word would host its 10th Annual Military Walk. The event will begin with a mass celebrated by Bishop Nelson Perez at 8:30 a.m. This year, part

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of the walk will pass through City Hall at 1:30 p.m. The Mayor invited the audience and Council, if available, to join the City Hall staff as they welcome the walkers through City Hall.

- The Mayor stated that on Friday, May 10th he informally swore-in four (4) new firefighters. They will start their 8-weeks of training and will be in the rotation sometime in July.
- The Mayor reminded the audience the 152nd Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will begin at 9:30 on the front lawn of Parma South Presbyterian Church

LEGISLATION

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

Aye: Koch, Stavole, Everett, Danczak and Gallo

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO TO ACCEPT NEC GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL FOR AN ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

Aye: Stavole, Everett, Danczak, Gallo and Koch

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

Aye: Stavole, Everett, Danczak, Gallo and Koch

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-17.

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

Aye: Everett, Danczak, Gallo, Koch and Stavole

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIBLEY INC. (SIBLEY) AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED THEREUNDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ONE READING ONLY.

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

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Danczak explained that in order to meet NOPEC's eligibility requirements for the grant for Phase II the City is required to pass this legislation.

Councilwoman Danczak motion seconded by Councilman Stavole to adopt this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-18.

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

Aye: Gallo, Koch, Stavole, Everett 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. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Council President Gallo stated that she is in receipt of the Fiscal Officer's certificate.

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

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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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. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Council President Gallo stated that she is in receipt of the Fiscal Officer's certificate.

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

Aye: Stavole, Everett, 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. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Council President Gallo stated that she is in receipt of the Fiscal Officer's certificate.

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

Aye: Stavole, Everett, 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 \$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. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Council President Gallo stated that she is in receipt of the Fiscal Officer's certificate.

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.

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Kathy Walsh, 11362 Blossom, asked about the Police Captains and Sergeants collective bargaining agreement that was discussed during the Mayor's Caucus. She wanted to know if the 2% raise for 2018 was a retro pay or was it implemented during that year. Director Hickey responded that the raise was given effective January 1, 2018 and the 1% raise for 2019 was effective January 1, 2019. Ms. Walsh asked what the amounts of the 2% raise and the 1% raise were for each union department.

Ms. Walsh asked what the status of the negotiations with the court for Cornerstone is. Director Pokorny replied that the City is waiting to hear from our counsel. There was a status conference with the Common Pleas Court and nothing was resolved at that time. The City is waiting to hear back from Home Savings. Ms. Walsh asked if there is a figure that is being discussed and Director Pokorny replied that the City is not at liberty to talk about it right now.

Dale Maxwell, 6835 Beresford, wanted to reiterate the Mayor's comments about the Vietnam Memorial at Valley Forge High School. She stated that it was gorgeous.

Nina Bellino, 6666 Crenshaw Drive, their neighbor at 6668 Crenshaw, put up a fence, which is abutting their fence. There are weeds growing between the fences and the deer are being caught between the two. Mrs. Crenshaw stated the neighbor's fence is falling down and she wants to know what to do. Council President Gallo stated that the City would have a property maintenance inspector review the situation.

Patty Marecki, 6320 Big Creek Parkway, asked what is the percentage the residents are paying to what the City is paying for rubbish collection. Director Hickey responded that the total contract is approximately \$1,000,000 and the amount that is collected from property owners through their property tax is approximately \$850,000 so the City's General Fund is paying the balance of the \$150,000. Ms. Marecki stated that since she is paying for rubbish collection, she should be able to put out what she wants when she wants. She feels that the homeowners should have more say on when and what can be put out for pick-up. Council President Gallo stated that the City is under a contract with Republic for rubbish pick-up and the contract will be specific on what and when can be picked up.

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

Aye: Danczak, Gallo, Koch, Stavole and Everett

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President

REPORT OF COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Review of City Expenditures)

COUNCIL MEETING:

5/13/19

REVIEW PERIOD:

4/17/19 - 5/10/19

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:

\$1,013,879.27

RE-CAP OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES:

AMOUNT:

4/26/19 PAYROLL

\$410,163.87

5/10/19 PAYROLL

\$332,746.40

CITY OF PARMA - Regional Dispatch Services (May)

\$36,962.31

ILLUMINATING CO. - Traffic/Street Lighting (April) & Facility Charges (3/8-4/5)

\$16,242.58

JOHN PROCHAZKA PLUMBING - Plumbig Repairs - Various Buildings (1/1-4/5)

\$10,610.00

BAKER VEHICLE SYSTEMS - Ball Diamond Conditioning - Kurtz Park

\$9,400.00

SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS - Bond Counsel Fee for \$1,790,000 Note Issue

\$7,442.53

