

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Michael Byrne, Assistant Director of Law Schneider, Director of Finance & Personnel Hickey, 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: Law Director Pokorny

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Byrne conducted the swearing-in of the appointment of the Ward 2 Council Representative, Annette Danczak.

Mayor Byrne presented a proclamation to David Sirl, a firefighter for the City of Parma Heights who retired on March 9, 2016. The Mayor recognized and honored Dave's 26 years of service to the City.

Mayor Byrne conducted the swearing-in of the two new firefighters to the Parma Heights Fire Department, Phillip Alvarado and Daniel Rushnok. The Mayor on behalf of the administration and Council welcomed Phillip and Daniel to the Parma Heights Fire Department.

Chief Sloan welcomed and pledged the department's support to the new firefighters. The Chief promised that the department would challenge the new firefighters, that they would make them work hard and they would prepare them to protect and serve the community with dignity and pride.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 Council meeting.

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2016 Special Council meeting.

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

FEBRUARY 29, 2016 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman McCall presented the report of the Finance Committee with total expenditures for the period of 2/17/2016 through 3/7/2016 to be \$1,048,173.35. (detailed report attached)

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Councilwoman Koch presented the report of the February 22, 2016 Planning Commission meeting. Election for the Planning Commission chairman for 2016 took place. Mark Podany was elected to the position. Election for the Planning Commission Chairman Pro-Tem took place. Rick Schwachenwald was elected to the position.

The Planning Commission discussed the replacement and relocation of the Holy Name High School Athletic Field located at 6000 Queens Highway. Mr. Murphy of Osborn Engineering made the application. The Commission tabled the application for additional information.

Tom Moran, Director of Recreation

- Baseball sign-up continues at the Recreation Office in City Hall.
- The Soccer season will begin April 4, 2016.
- Valley Forge Pool Open Swim, Tuesdays between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. through April 4, 2016.
- Cassidy Theatre produced "Aloha" this past weekend.
- The Greenbriar Art League meets Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Community Room B at Cassidy Theatre.

Judy McLaughlin, Director of the Senior Center

- Due to the Primary Election, the Parma Baptist Church has moved their free community meal to March 22, 2016. The Senior Center will transport seniors to this event.
- The Veterans speaker that was scheduled for March 31st has cancelled and will reschedule later.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- The City was notified that they were awarded the Block Grant to repair the handicap ramps along the Pearl Road corridor.

Dan Neff, City Engineer

- Neff Engineering will have surveyors out later this week to start reviewing the handicap ramps that are in need of repair.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department is checking with the asphalt company to see when they will open so they can start to make permanent repairs on the roads.
- The street sweeper is out of service. Once it is repaired, the Service Department will be out cleaning the streets from the winter debris.

Councilman McCall thanked Director Patten and the Sewer Crew for the emergency sewer back up that they repaired over the weekend. The resident appreciated the promptness and was grateful for the service.

Terrence Hickey, Director of Finance and Personnel

- A summary of the Mayor's Court activity for February was reported. The total amount transferred into the City's general checking account from court activity was \$27,459.78. (detailed report attached)

Mayor Michael Byrne

- The Mayor thanked Dale Maxwell, chairwoman of the Civil Service Commission, and all of the Civil Service Commission for the great job that they do in keeping the civil service lists up-to-date.

LEGISLATION

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile 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.

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. SECOND OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman McCall motioned seconded by Councilman Verdile 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.

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. FIRST OF THREE READINGS.

Councilman McCall noted that he 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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Marcia Smith, 6777 Greenleaf Avenue, on behalf of a neighbor, questioned the ambulance billing procedure. Her neighbor's insurance paid for a portion of the bill and the unpaid amount was sent to the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Smith was under the impression that the City accepted the amount the insurance company paid. Director Hickey asked her to forward the information to him and he would look into the situation and explain it to her neighbor.

Lesley DeSouza, 6245 Springwood Road, asked where the Block Grant project was that Director Sebes spoke about. Director Sebes responded by explaining that it would be for repairs to the handicap ramps along the Pearl Road corridor. Ms. DeSouza also extended her appreciation to the work that was done at Radlick Park to correct the drainage issue. The problem seems to have been corrected. She also extended a congratulations and best wishes to newly appointed Councilwoman Annette Danczak.

Patty Muracki, 6320 Big Creek Parkway, inquiring who the City's Flood Plane Administrator is. She stated a few years ago, the flood maps were redone and she would like information on how they determined what a high-risk flood zone was. Ms. Muracki commented that she is considered to be in the high-risk flood zone and her next door neighbor is not. This causes a considerable increase in insurance rates. Mr. Neff asked her to contact his office and he would discuss the situation with her.

Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Blvd., expressed his concerns about the Failure to Yield law not being enforced in the City of Parma Heights. He said he has brought this to the attention of the administration and Council in the past. Mr. Koch stated there are a number of intersections where this law is not being enforced and illegal exiting is taking place. He has concerns that an accident could happen and someone could be seriously hurt. He specifically commented about the traffic exiting Drug Mart on York Road. Mr. Koch stated that there was a Yield sign there but someone had taken it down. Mr. Koch wanted to know what the City was going to do to start enforcing the Failure to Yield law.

Curtis Cutler, 9852 North Church Drive, commented on Mr. Koch's statement about the Yield sign being taken down. He asked if anyone could take down a street sign. Council President Gallo responded that was not allowed.

Marcia Smith, 6777 Greenleaf Avenue, stated that she agrees with Mr. Koch's comments about the Failure to Yield. She personally has been held up in traffic for quite some time at one of the intersections Mr. Koch mentioned.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation and Personnel Issues related to Employment and Compensation of Public Employees.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:36 P.M.

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Council reconvenes from Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President