

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2020

PRESENT: Council President Pro-Tem Stavole, Council Members Koch, Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Haase, and Clerk of Council Bohdan.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Byrne, Law Director Pokorny and Director of Personnel and Finance Iaconis.

ABSENT: Council President Gallo

The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro-Tem Stavole at 7:14 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to excuse the absence Council President Gallo.

Aye: Danczak, Everett, Koch, Haase, Stavole and Walsh

Nay: None

COUNCIL PRESIDENT GALLO EXCUSED FROM THE JUNE 22, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the June 8, 2020 Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Everett, Koch, Haase, Stavole, Walsh and Danczak

Nay: None

JUNE 8, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

Council President Pro-Tem Stavole stated that the Clerk is in receipt of correspondence from Council President Gallo asked the Clerk to read it.

Clerk Bohdan read, "effective immediately, I am appointing Anthony Stavole as Council's representative to the Planning Commission. When we return from recess, I will announce updated Council committees and any other appointments that need to be addressed."

Mike Byrne, Mayor

- The Mayor stated that because there was not a Mayor's Caucus he will address two items on the agenda this evening. After much discussion with Director Iaconis about the challenges the City has faced with cash flow from income tax collections during the pandemic and CCA not keeping up with the processing of collections. The Mayor stated that we have decided it is in the best interest of the City to terminate the agreement

with CCA. Per the agreement, CCA requires a six month notice of termination. We will terminate our agreement as of December 31, 2020. The Mayor stated Director Iaconis is recommending the City goes with RITA. Director Iaconis stated there will be a lesser percentage charge the City to do the collections. She stated the RITA has the resources that CCA doesn't have in place.

- The Mayor stated that Mr. Neff, our consulting engineer, has decided to terminate his contract with the City as of June 30, 2020. Mr. Neff did not replace C. J. Onyak, the designated engineer for the City. Mr. Neff has recommended Euthenics, Inc. as his replacement. Euthenics was the previous city engineer firm before Neff & Associates. Euthenics at this time is working on the Independence Bridge replacement project. The Mayor stated he spoke with Euthenics and they have agreed to take on the same exact contract as Neff & Associates. The Mayor forwarded the contract to Euthenics for their review, they have not responded to this request by today. The Mayor also stated he has not forwarded Mr. Neff's contract to Council and Mr. Neff has agreed to stay on until Council can adopt the legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Euthenics. Mr. Neff will continue with the Nathan Hale Retention Basin project. The Mayor stated if Council is hesitant to approve the legislation with Euthenics this evening then there has to be a Special Meeting scheduled to adopt that legislation.
- The Mayor stated that Chief Scharschmidt informed him that there are two demonstrations scheduled for the area that our Police will be asked to assist. First one is this coming Wednesday, June 24th in Broadview Heights and the second is Friday, June 26th in Berea. The demonstrations that our Police have assisted in have not had any issues or violence.

Councilwoman Everett stated she would feel more comfortable with being able to review the contract before voting on it. The Mayor stated that there is no increase in fees. The Mayor stated he will get Council a copy of Neff & Associates agreement and when we receive the final version from Euthenics also forward it to Council.

Council President Pro-Tem Stavole stated the next item on the agenda is the Public Hearing regarding the Greenbrier Commons Water Main Project. He closed the regular Council meeting and opened up the Public Hearing.

Director Pokorny explained that the Greenbrier Water Projects involves putting in a new water main through the parking lot of the Greenbrier Commons. It will connect Pearl Road and run all the way back towards the residents in the adjoining street. The City Engineer has determined that we need to lay and install this pipe. The purpose of the legislation is to grant the City of Cleveland Water Department a permanent perpetual easement and a right-of-way so they can do the work and maintain the waterline after they do the installation. Engineer Neff previously stated that this water line will improve service to the neighborhood and will also correct a current problem through the parking lot area, which includes leaks and water line breaks.

Councilwoman Koch asked when this project will begin. Director Pokorny stated he did not know when it would start. He knows we have the funding for the project and it is either already out for bid or will be going out for bid soon.

Council President Pro-Tem Stavole closed the Public Hearing on the Greenbrier Commons Water Main Project.

Council President Pro-Tem Stavole opened the Public Hearing on the 2021 Tax Budget.

Director Iaconis explained that this is a housekeeping measure. The Director stated this informs the County how we want our millage divided. She explained what is required for the City to submit the tax budget to the County. Director Iaconis stated that because of COVID-19 there is uncertainty with the City's finances for the upcoming year.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to approve the 2021 Tax Budget.

Aye: Koch, Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak and Everett
Nay: None

2021 TAX BUDGET APPROVED.

Council President Pro-Tem Stavole closed the Public Hearing for the 2021 Tax Budget.

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

Aye: Koch, Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak and Everett
Nay: None

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO NOTIFY THE CENTRAL COLLECTION AGENCY (CCA) THAT THE CITY DESIRES TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND CCA EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **ONE READING ONLY.**

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

Aye: Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett and Koch
Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

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

Aye: Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Koch and Haase

Nay: None

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4.

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

Aye: Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Koch, Haase and Stavole

Nay: None

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PARMA FOR THE PARMA REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **ONE READING ONLY.**

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

Aye: Danczak, Everett, Koch, Haase, Stavole and Walsh

Nay: None

RULES SUSPENDED.

Councilwoman Danczak explained that this modification will allow the City to go from a year to year contract to a month to month contract.

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

Aye: Everett, Koch, Haase, Stavole, Walsh and Danczak

Nay: None

ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17.

Councilwoman Koch motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to remove from the agenda for future consideration Item #10.

Aye: Koch, Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak and Everett
Nay: None

ITEM #10 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

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

Aye: Koch, Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak and Everett
Nay: None

RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Clerk Bohdan read A RESOLUTION GRANTING TO THE CITY OF CLEVELAND A PERPETUAL RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT TO LAY, INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A WATER MAIN AND APPURTENANCES, INCLUDING SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND PIPES AT THE GREENBRIAR COMMONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **THIRD OF THREE READINGS.**

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adopt this resolution.

Aye: Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett and Koch
Nay: None

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-5.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilwoman Danczak to suspend Rule 2 of Rules of Council, Public Session during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aye: Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Koch and Haase
Nay: None

RULE 2 OF RULES OF COUNCIL, REGARDING PUBLIC SESSIONS DURING OPEN MEETINGS, WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Council President Pro-Tem Stavole stated in preparation for the wayfinding signage installation as part of the Pearl Road resurfacing project, the City Engineer recommends that the Poggemeyer Design Group Wayfinding Master Plan be referred to the Planning Commission. Based on the recommendation of the City Engineer, I am referring the Poggemeyer Design Group Wayfinding Master Plan regarding wayfinding signage and the revisions to the plan made by Ellet Sign Company to the Planning Commission for review.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to refer the Poggemeyer Design Group Wayfinding Master Plan to the Planning Commission.

Aye: Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Koch, Haase and Stavole
Nay: None

POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilwoman Danczak motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining issues.

Aye: Danczak, Everett, Koch, Haase, Stavole and Walsh
Nay: None

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUES AT 7:36 P.M.

Council reconvenes at 8:20 p.m.

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilwoman Koch to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Everett, Koch, Haase, Stavole, Walsh and Danczak
Nay: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Florence A. Bohdan
Clerk of Council



Marie Gallo
Council President