

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 16

A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of Ohio Governor Joh Kasich's proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of \$147 million at the end of the biennium to fund an income tax withholding reduction and bring the state's rainy day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, eliminating the Estate Tax, and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

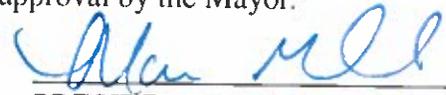
Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio's municipalities at the end of the biennium, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2. This Council declares its opposition to the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly depositing the state budget surplus into the rainy day fund and an income tax withholding reduction.

Section 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health and safety of the Municipality and for the further reason that state revenue sharing is necessary to the operation of the City; wherefore it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 9-10-2018


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Florence A. Bohdan
CLERK OF COUNCIL

9-10-2018
APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: 9.10-2018


MAYOR