

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 2021

PRESENT: Council President Gallo, Council Members Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Haase, Rounds and Asst. Clerk of Council Neel.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Byrne, Director of Law Pokorny and Director of Public Service Patten,

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gallo at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to approve the March 22, 2021 Council meeting minutes.

Aye: Danczak, Everett, Gallo, Rounds, Haase, Stavole and Walsh

Nay: None

**MARCH 22, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

Councilman Stavole presented the report of the April 5, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. (see attached)

Mike Byrne, Mayor

- The Mayor thanked the Historical Society for hosting a drive-thru Easter Bunny event on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 families participated and received a bag of treats. A special thank you to the Police Auxiliary for keeping traffic flowing smooth throughout the event. A special thank you to Councilwoman Everett and our friends at Yorktown Service Plaza or the Easter Bunny drive thru town on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We received numerous messages thanking us for both events. On our Facebook page, we provided Easter coloring pages for our young residents and offered to display them in the windows at City Hall if they dropped them off. A special shout out to Emmalynn Cox, age 5, for being the only resident to take up the offer. We proudly displayed her egg in the middle window in Council Chambers.
- *Cityview* newsletter has gone to print and should be delivered to homes within the next week or so. In this issue I announced this year will be the City's 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Service with Parma-South Presbyterian Church. The ceremony will be held on the front lawn of the church at 6155 Pearl Road and will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. We ask that you bring your own chairs and hand-held flags. Unfortunately due to the Phase II Pearl Road reconstruction project, we are unable to hold a parade again this year. We encourage you to bring your family and attend the ceremony to honor those Americans who sacrificed their lives to secure our freedom. American Legion Post 703 will be holding their annual ceremony at the Parma Heights Cemetery following the service at Parma-South. The Parma Heights Historical Society will also be dedicating the Parma Heights Cemetery State of Ohio Marker they received in 2020.
- Last week we held a very successful vaccination event at the Senior Center in conjunction with the National Guard and we also received many messages from who were pleased that it was offered and impressed by the smooth process.
- The City has returned to the Heritage Home Program which is offered by the Cleveland Restoration Society. For Parma Heights homeowners who have homes that are 50 years old or older, free technical assistance is provided. Assistance covers a wide variety of preservation and maintenance issues including color consultations, advice on repairs or additions, and even help in locating contractors. Heritage Home also offers equity loans for interior and exterior improvements through local banks with fixed rates as low as 2%. Eligible homeowners will receive a letter from my office in the coming weeks with additional details.
- World Autism Awareness Day was Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The entire month of April is dedicated to awareness and acceptance of Autism. Our Police Department officers may be wearing a special patch on their uniforms for the month. You can purchase a patch for \$10 at our Police Station with the proceeds going to the Shop with Cop program

this year. Most importantly, recognize the playing field is not always a level surface for children. Children who learn differently are not weird. They are gifted in ways that our society does not value enough, yet they want what all kids want, to be accepted. Help us share awareness and acceptance for all kids who been deemed “different”.

- The deadline to file federal, state and local taxes for 2020 has been extended to May 17, 2021.
- The Fire Department is in the process of flushing hydrants.

Councilwoman Everett stated she would like to thank, on behalf of Council, Chief Scharschmidt and Director Byrnes. Also thanks to Police Department Sgt. Dan Kravanic, Ptl. Phil Onysyk, Auxiliary Mike Madet, Brendon Schmidt and Dave Verbosky along with Firefighters Jacob Platt, Chris Klotzbach and Dan Rushnock for being escorts for the Easter Bunny. The Mayor commented that he appreciates the recognition and will pass it along.

Dan Bender, City Engineer

- Early to mid-May crews will be out to finish up the punch list items for Manorford.
- The Greenbrier Water Main Replacement project is ongoing and the water main has been installed. We are waiting on approvals from the City of Cleveland Water to finish up the vaults. They are starting to do some pavement work.
- Plans have been submitted to Cleveland Water for the Notabene Drive, Layor Drive and Queens Highway Water Main Replacement project and we are waiting for their review comments.
- The Layors Drive and Queens Highway resurfacing project is in the development phase.
- We are working on the design of the bridge on the Independence Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project. The projected year of construction is 2023.

Joe Sebes, Director of Community and Economic Development

- No report

Joe Tal, Director of Recreation

- The new lights of been erected at the Tennis Courts.
- The nets are up for Pickleball and Tennis.
- The Department is getting the parks ready for the upcoming summer.
- 110 registrations for Baseball, short 60 children to be able to form leagues in the City. If there are not enough for the program in Parma Heights, the department will find other cities’ programs for the children to participate in. We currently have six (6) umpires but are still short the number needed.
- The pool will open, but at this time not sure of what capacity. Currently there are nine (9) lifeguards but are still short for one shift. An opening date for the pool has not been determined at this time.

Trish James, Director of the Senior Center

- Continuing to do the meals and delivering them to residents. Restaurants have stopped providing meals for the seniors.
- The Senior Center held a Vaccination Clinic for COVID last Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The National Guard administered first shots 133 people and the second shot will be given on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Senior Transportation provided rides for the seniors that were not able to get there on their own.

Dennis Patten, Director of Public Service

- The Service Department is transferring from Winter to Summer duties.
- Weather permitting, the department is patching streets.

The Mayor stated Director Iaconis is unavailable this evening and will be out of the office this week but wanted to let Council know she is available on her cell phone or through e-mail.

Director Pokorny explained that based on the presentation of Mr. Frank during the Caucus, Council by motion can send ordinances to the Planning Commission for consideration for amendment, specifically Chapter 1185 Mixed Use chapter, self-storage is not included in that chapter. Along with that proposed amendment Chapter 1195 would include the use specific regulations needs to be reviewed by Planning and also the definition section which is 1131.02. The request is that Council consider referring Chapter 1131, 1185 and 1195 to the Planning Commission to consider potential amendments as they relates to the proposed W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street Mixed Use District, which is contained in 1185 to see if Planning would consider the inclusion of self-storage. This is starting the process to amend the code to permit self-storage. This is not in any way an approval of this project. The amendments must be considered by Planning, referred back to Council and considered and approved by Council before an application for the project can be submitted. This to amend the code to provide for self-storage as a conditional use in the W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street Mixed Use District. Self-storage would not be considered in the Town Center and the Neighborhood Districts.

Council President Gallo stated based upon the presentation of Mr. Frank, DealPoint Merrill, LLC regarding the proposed project at 7011 W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street for self-storage, she is requesting a motion to refer Chapter 1131, 1185 and 1195 of the Codified Ordinances to the Planning Commission to consider potential amendments of those Chapters as it relates to the W.130<sup>th</sup> Street Mixed Use District.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to refer to the Planning Commission for consideration of amendments to Chapter 1131, Chapter 1185 and Chapter 1195, Self-Storage Units.

Aye: Everett, Gallo, Rounds, Haase, Stavole, Walsh and Danczak

Nay: None

**COUNCIL REFERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 1131, CHAPTER 1185 AND CHAPTER 1195, SELF-STORAGE UNITS.**

Legislation

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

Aye: Gallo, Rounds, Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak and Everett

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Clerk Neel read ARESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **ONE READING ONLY.**

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

Aye: Rounds, Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett and Gallo

Nay: None

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

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

Aye: Haase, Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Gallo and Rounds  
Nay: None

**RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4.**

Councilwoman Everett motioned seconded by Councilman Stavole to suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of Council, regarding Public Session.

Aye: Stavole, Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Gallo, Rounds and Haase  
Nay: None

**SUSPENSION OF RULE 2 OF THE RULES OF COUNCIL REGARDING PUBLIC SESSION.**

Council President Gallo stated the Council's Office received two e-mails with comments. The first one is from Mr. Emery Pinter, 10965 Lawndale Drive, regarding the Wayfinding Signs and some suggestions. Comments received from Margaret Pinter, 10965 Lawndale Drive, regarding deer. Both e-mails will be kept on file in the Council's Office.

Councilman Stavole motioned seconded by Councilwoman Everett to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters regarding employment.

Aye: Walsh, Danczak, Everett, Gallo, Rounds, Haase and Stavole  
Nay: None

**COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:31 p.m.**


Council reconvenes from Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

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

Aye: Danczak, Everett, Gallo, Rounds, Haase, Stavole and Walsh  
Nay: None

**Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

  
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Nora Neel  
Asst. Clerk of Council

  
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Marie Gallo  
Council President

## Parma Heights Council

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**From:** marge.pinter@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** council@parmaheights.us  
**Subject:** Comments for April 12--2021 City Council Meeting

### City Council:

I have lived here for over 50 years and there has never been such a deer problem as there is now. I garden and have pear trees. If a pear falls to the ground, it's food for the deer. Very few people have the land to bow-hunt and that should have never been voted on. Panicked and injured deer pose a danger of running into traffic, thereby increasing the risk of deer/car collisions and other potential accidents.

There needs to be a discussion here and with other cities about immunocontraception. Immunocontraception is a contraceptive for deer to prevent them from future reproduction. It is not a hormone and does not change the behavior of deer. The vaccine has been shown to reduce pregnancy rates in white-tailed deer by 80-90 percent. A humane solution that needs to be looked at.

Margaret Pinter  
10965 Lawndale drive  
Parma heights

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**From:** e <e.pinter@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 4:09 PM  
**To:** council@parmaheights.us  
**Subject:** Comments/Questions for City Council Meeting Monday April 12, 2021

## COMMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL MTG MON APRIL 12, 2021

1) The new wayfinding and rebranding signs leave something to be desired. Entering Parma

Heights from Middleburg Hts., are --3-- signs pointing to City Hall necessary in the span of a mile?

And it's vital to have effective and reliable signage in place to help first time patients and visitors

going to the Hospital if necessary. Not one new sign guides anyone to a Hospital. And the large new

sign at Pearl/York overshadows the old small Hospital sign that is attached to a telephone pole.

And in the same respect what about the person or visitor that wants to find the Police Department?

What about people that need to find the police or fire dept. in a hurry? Pointing to "Greenbrier

Commons" is vague. Specific identifiers are needed.

Emery Pinter  
10965 Lawndale drive  
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