



## City of Parma Heights Council Minutes January 23, 2023

PRESENT: Council President Rounds, Council Members Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole and Clerk of Council Allen

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Marie Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Finance Director Iaconis, Director of Service Sepik, and Recreation Director Bacci.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:01 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.*

### COUNCIL MINUTES

January 9, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the Council Minutes

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds

Nay: None

Abstain: Stavole, Haase

*Minutes Approved*

### REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President asked Recreation Director Bacci to begin...

Director Bacci: Thank you Council President. Two weekends ago we had our first owl walk activity, I want to thank the Service Department for making sure the parking lot and the walkways were clear of snow. We haven't seen an owl in the box just yet but we will keep checking. We are still looking for persons to fill positions in the Recreation Department, that will be on going until we open the pool. Melissa Evers, our Aquatics and Events Coordinator will be presenting at the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association conference representing Parma Heights on February 1<sup>st</sup>, this is very exciting because it puts us against places like Cleveland Metroparks and Sandusky. Her topic will be "Engaging, Training and Retaining Members of your Team" It's really focusing on the teens since that's who she mostly works with at the pool. Last year we were able to hire a full staff for the summer months, some of the surrounding cities were not able to do that. The Leprechaun Hunt will be held March 11<sup>th</sup>, we have sold out of the 10:30 time slot so we opened an 11:30 time slot to accommodate the requests. That is \$3.00 cash or check at City Hall or \$4.00 online, register quickly because the slots do fill up quickly. And as always, sports registration is opening on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Softball, baseball, t-ball are opening for all age groups and then soccer is doing munchkins and one other age group.

Council President Rounds: Great thank you. Any questions or comments? Councilwoman Maruschak....

Councilwoman Maruschak stated that she loved the owl walk. It was very informative and really learned a lot. Are you going to continue to do those through the warmer months? Not that I didn't like this one.

Director Bacci responded that yes, I will do walks for as long as I can. I would like to do some other things no just focused on owls. There are several different things I'd like to do as well.

Council President Rounds asked if she needed volunteers for the Leprechaun Walk as we did last year?

Director Bacci responded that she would check and get back to council on that because we do already have some part-time staff signed up for that event.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Director Sepik.....

Service Director Sepik: Thank you Council President. We will be doing a holiday lights recycle event at the Service Garage on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon along with our regular bulk pick up on that same Saturday, drop off at the garage. Our next bulk pick up will February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our salt supply is really doing very well right now, we ordered a ton of salt coming in between today and tomorrow, I have another 2 ½ tons coming in early next week so we're going to be in good shape for the winter storms ahead. The new dump truck authorized by council is at our garage, we had it undercoated and are getting the lights put on it now, we should be able to have it in service by the end of the following week. Thank you in advance for the authorization for the bucket truck. Independence bridge should be starting at the end of May. The bids came in for the demolition project at NEO Soccer, you have the recommendation before you.

Dan Bender: Good evening, everyone, there were 8 contractors interested, 6 of them submitted bids. Bauman Contracting submitted the lowest bid at \$117,000; 69% less than the engineer's estimate. Bauman has done work with us before and I'm here tonight to recommend that they be awarded the contract. I also ask council to release the bid bonds from the unsuccessful bids as well.

Council President Rounds thanked Mr. Bender for his recommendations. Asked for a motion to accept Bauman Enterprises Inc. as the winning bid and release the bid bonds from the unsuccessful bids? Councilman Stavole moved; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak.

Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, Rounds  
Nay: None

*Motion approved*

Council President then asked do we know how soon work will actually begin?

Director Sepik responded that we have to send a letter to the EPA, after that they will get awarded and they should be able to start work within about 2 weeks after the authorization.

Mayor Gallo added that they are looking at the end of February beginning of March to begin this project, this building has to be down by May and the contractor is aware of the time restraints. Thank you, council for your consideration of this item.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Anything further Director Sepik?

Director Sepik: That completes my report for this evening.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Councilwoman DeSouza...

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that the Service Department did a really good job on the streets with all the snow that accumulated over the weekend. Please give the person who was taking care of the Ward 2 cul-de-sacs our appreciation for a job well done.

Service Director Sepik added he will let them know and there will be a parking ban this week also from Wednesday at 3:00 until Thursday at 7:00 for the upcoming storm scheduled to come through.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked that since there is a parking ban, if there are cars parked there and we come through for plowing are the cars reported in some way?

Director Sepik answered that yes, it is called into the Sargeant on duty.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked if notices will be sent to the folks abutting the property where the rink will be coming down?

Mayor Gallo answered that no, that won't be necessary for this type of event.

Council President Rounds: Any further questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none. Director Iaconis....

Finance Director Iaconis: Thank you and just to inform the people in the audience and those interested in this demolition. This project is being funded by grant funding by Cuyahoga County. We applied for demolition funding and was approved, so this will be a refunded project. We are wrapping up year-end, starting fresh this year, completing our reporting requirements. Back in negotiations this week with Local 860 and the FOP and we will have a hearing with the Fire Department on Friday. We should know the results within 30 days or less. We will let you know as soon as we get the results.

Council President Rounds: Any further questions for Director Iaconis? Seeing none. Mayor Gallo.....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Mr. President. The Senior Center served and delivered 1,191 meals over the last two weeks. They are definitely seeing an increase in the participants attending the activities they have there. Yoga used to have large numbers but now even more people regularly at the senior stretch chair dancing, Wii Bowling and volleyball. On the subject of volleyball, they will be competing against the Parma Senior Center next month, we'll let you know how that goes. Go Parma Heights! Joe Sebes is working on the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste grant this is the recycle material that comes out usually in April. The city is also working on the Cuyahoga County Supplemental grant funds that we receive and looking at putting up poles and hanging baskets to beautify our main corridor. That should be coming late spring or summer. The Nathan Hale bid process came in way over the 10% of the engineers estimate, we want to go out to re-bid, hopefully opening the bids again February 2<sup>nd</sup>, next Thursday. The police department is still looking into the traffic camera's, they should be ready to present at the second meeting in February. During the Mayor's Caucus information was provided about Mr. Michael Juggler with Council's consent and approval I hope to have him appointed tonight.

Council President Rounds asked council for their consent and approval. Absolutely, no objection.

Mayor Gallo: And if there is no objection, I would like to swear him in now. Mr. Juggler came to the front of the room and was sworn in as a member of the Recreation Commission. Now that we have a full

Recreation Commission, we would like to hold our first meeting in March. Our Council representative for the Recreation Commission is Councilwoman Maruschak. Thank you, that ends my report this evening.

Council President Rounds thanked the mayor for her report and Mr. Juggler for his willingness to serve the city. Any further questions or comments for Mayor Gallo?

Councilman Haase asked what is the status of the situation with the heat in this room?

Mayor Gallo responded that during the holidays a power pole fell in the back parking lot that took out the electricity for the building, that in turn damaged the heat source for half of the building. Parts have been ordered but at the time we were told it could take 6 to 8 weeks before they arrive. We are several weeks into that time frame but we could have a few more weeks before it's repaired. Thank you for your patience. It's a sign of the times getting parts and equipment in. We will let the Clerk know when the heat is repaired.

Councilwoman Maruschak: I was wondering when the volleyball game is going to be, are we going to have home turf advantage?

Mayor Gallo responded that she believed the first game we will have home turf advantage and the second game will be there. Still working on the details.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Rounds asked Council Representative Haase to provide a Planning Commission update.

Councilman Haase reported that the Planning Commission approved a lot split and consolidation at 6514 Pearl Road involving ABC Rental and Litts Plumbing. Land was purchased by Litts Plumbing over the past several years it's been used for parking by Litts Plumbing. The Planning Commission saw no reason not to approve the lot split and consolidation for these two businesses.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Rounds: If there is any public comment, please stand, state your name and address and please direct all comments to me, you have 3 minutes to speak.

Rose Marie Fulcher, 6838 Maplewood Road, I want to thank the Parma Heights seniors for the bus service that they offer the seniors. I no longer drive and therefore I do utilize the service. Thank you. The project on Maplewood is there going to be any type of landscaping or fencing that will go at the end of the project to separate from the residential properties? What type of landscaping are they going to put on Maplewood?

Mr. Bender mentioned that the plans call for a mound with shrubs at the top of the mound to reduce the visibility of the new homes from Maplewood. As for the type of shrubs I cannot answer that at this time.

Mayor Gallo said she would get that information to Ms. Fulcher.

Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. I noticed you're thinking about passing an ordinance tonight about car washes. I read the Cleveland.com article from last week and I have a few questions and comments about it. I will quote you Council President; it says we have two car washes which serves our population. You're basing this on 1 car wash for 12,000 residents. These facilities was cars and at any given day there's over 40,000 cars in this city. I just think the Ohio average is 2.3 cars per household. 9800 homes that we have in Parma Heights we're talking 24,000 cars which goes back to your 1 for 12,000 residents. If use the

term that the administration used, saturation, we have 12 tire facilities, bars within the city, are we going to close some of them down due to the saturation issue. The ordinance also mentions being more than 100,000 feet apart, there are two bars on the corner of 130<sup>th</sup> that are much closer than that. We seem to be conforming to the rules that are being set in Parma. Years ago, Parma was thinking out of the box and put a seat belt, and a cell phone law back in the 1970's and everybody thought they were goofy, now it's the law of the land across the United States. Another quote from the administration, this is the trend right now, trends come and go. The Planning Commission is a great tool to have for the city, they have said no to some projects in the city that cause litigation Cube Smart on 130<sup>th</sup>, I wonder how much that cost. We now have a methadone clinic and it's not about personal feelings, it's about the laws and what the people want. Litigation, are we going to have the same problem with car washes?

Council President Rounds asked if there were any other comments? Seeing none.

### LEGISLATION

#### **2022 – 41: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds  
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 41 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OF CONVEYANCE AND TO TRANSFER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8699 LYNNHAVEN DRIVE IN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION [CCLRC], AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED**

Council President Rounds: This is the second reading on this ordinance.

#### **2022 – 42: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

Aye: Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Rounds  
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 42 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1195.06 ENTITLED, "AUTOMOTIVE USE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED**

Council President Rounds: This is also the second reading for this item.

#### **2023 – 4: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to read the following ordinance by title only.

Aye: Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds  
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1301 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO, AS MAY BE AMENDED BY THE STATE OF OHIO FROM TIME TO TIME**

Council President Rounds: This is the second reading for this item and just to add that we talked in length about this and it's updating come codes based on Ohio's recommendations.

**2023 – 5: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to read the following resolution by title only.

Aye: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds  
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 5 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-550 DIESEL, 4 X 4 BUCKET TRUCK FROM THE SAFETY COMPANY DBA MTECH COMPANY AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$169,900.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to suspend the rules.

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Rounds  
Nay: None

Council President Rounds: Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to move for passage.

Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, Rounds  
Nay: None

*Resolution Passes*

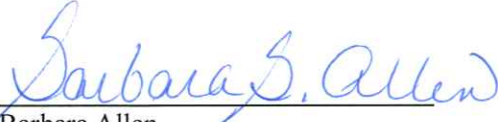
**ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Rounds: Can I have a motion to adjournment.

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds  
Nay: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

  
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Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council

  
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Tom Rounds  
President of Council