



City of Parma Heights Council Minutes January 9, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Marie Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Finance Director Iaconis, Director of Service Robert Sepik, Director of Safety Heffernan, Assistant Finance Director Gross and Recreation Director Bacci.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Council President Rounds asked for a motion to excuse Councilman Haase.

Motion made by Councilwoman DeSouza; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to excuse Councilman Haase.

Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds

Council President Rounds then asked for a motion to excuse Councilman Stavole.

Motion made by Councilwoman DeSouza; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to excuse Councilman Stavole.

Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds, Maruschak

Council President Rounds stated that both Councilman Haase and Stavole have been excused from tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds

Nay: None

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President asked Recreation Director Bacci to begin...

Director Bacci: To begin with an update from the last meeting, the owl box is finally up at Greenbrier Commons. This past Saturday we did back yard bird feeders, we had full registration. We made two

the homebound and congregate meal program on December 22nd and Friday December 30th so they would have an extra meal since the Senior Center was closed to the seniors. UH Hospital visiting nurses have stopped coming to the senior center to provide free blood pressure checks due to staffing shortages but fortunately, Holy Family Hospice has agreed to do checks monthly for blood pressure beginning in January so there will be no interruption in that service. The Girl Scout Troop from St. Charles came to the senior center on December 30th and joined the seniors for exercise and then served lunch afterwards in the dining room. They are going to come on a semi-regular basis for other activities and of course to sell Girl Scout Cookies and they have adopted the Senior Center as a troop project. Other business I'd like to mention as Director Heffernan mentioned the city has been approved by the state to begin the deer culling program which is this week. Culling will take place on certain city property as long as it fits into the safety requirements and private property culling only if there is an approved waiver and it conforms to our safety requirements as they fit into state and federal regulations. The city has been approved to pull 55 nuisance permits and they are allowing us to cull up to 95 and if we stick with the numbers that will reduce those numbers over time. We will be monitoring safety stats and our Service Department will be monitoring harvest, collection over this year and over time to see how the stats change by using this method, car accidents, carcasses and so on. Thank you to council for the unanimous support on that program. The NEO Soccer bids are in, we should have the information and the approval for the successful bid at the next council meeting. The engineer is in the process of putting together the bid tabulations and this has to be demolished by May, we are on track maybe even a little ahead. No one came in over bid so we don't have to go back out on this. We are still out to bid, our second bid for the Nathan Hale and those bids close the week after next and lastly, Council President Rounds, Councilwomen Maruschak and DeSouza approached me last year about holding a Community Garage Sale, we are looking at July and including Police and Fire in the project. The only issue at the moment that has come to our attention is the on-street parking tends to be a problem in certain areas and we would have patrol out making sure the roads stay clear for Emergency vehicles. I'll keep you apprised of that as we get closer to July. That concludes my report, Mr. President. Thank you.

Council President Rounds asked the mayor how long the culling program will actually take place?

Mayor Gallo responded that it will take place during the months of January and February, at night, on city property and will be closely monitored by the police department.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions? Councilwoman Maruschak.....

Councilwoman Maruschak asked as far as the sign-up list, are their plenty of people who would like the carcasses are we surpassed that 45 – 95 number? And are they from Parma Heights or anywhere?

Mayor Gallo responded that yes, we have well over 300 people that have signed up to take the carcasses. People are from all over not just Parma Heights.

Council President Rounds called on Councilwoman Walsh for comment.

Councilwoman Walsh asked if we get any calls about this culling who can we direct them to, of course I have an overview of what we do, but if they they're going to be upset, is there.....

Mayor Gallo stated that it's best to direct them to the main number for City Hall.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further questions or comments for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none. Thank you, mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds mentioned that a Planning Commission update from Council Representative Haase was going to be presented this evening but because Councilman Haase is absent this evening, we will move this to our next agenda the next time we meet.

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, the clerk will tally the three minutes for me and give me an idea when that's about up and we take notes on your statements and listen to what you have to say, so any comments this evening?

Emery Pinter, 10965 Lawndale Drive, Parma Heights. I found this Christmas brochure to be effective; one person got a \$300 sale out of it. This spring we're going to revise it and add 10 more stores and send to residents in Middleburg Heights and Parma Heights. I'm very disappointed in the deer culling. I voted in March of 2016 for bow hunting. I ask City Council, who's paying the \$150 Municipal Deer Permit and other licenses? Lastly, our household has received 6 postcards since the last election. We thought someone was trying to steal our identity. We are upset. She needs to step down within 48 hours. I know it's going to take 5 votes to do what you need to do.

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 Councilwoman DeSouza to read the following ordinance by title only.

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, 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 first reading on this ordinance and just as a reference point 2022 is there because it's a carryover from last year that we were working on.

2022 – 42: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Maruschak, 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 first reading for this item.

2023 – 1: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 1 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2027 COUNTYWIDE ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to suspend the rules.

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

Council President Rounds: We discussed this item during the Mayor's Caucus, it's an Administration housing keeping ordinance. Are there any questions or comments on this ordinance? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to move for passage.

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

Ordinance Passes

2023 – 2: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 2 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO RENEW A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to suspend the rules.

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

Council President Rounds: This item was also discussed during our Mayor's Caucus and I appreciate the fact that we spend the \$6,000 and then we are reimbursed the \$6,000 to be a part of this program. Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to move for passage.

Aye: Walsh, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Rounds

Nay: None

Resolution Passes

2023 – 3: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds

Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 3 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-750 TRUCK FROM LIBERTY FORD AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$115,285.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to suspend the rules.

Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Maruschak, Rounds

Nay: None

Council President Rounds: This item was also discussed with Director Sepik during our Mayor's Caucus; this item was previously part of our budget approval and we are now in our purchasing phase. Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to move for passage.

Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds

Nay: None

Resolution Passes

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: Walsh, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, 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: Thank you Councilwoman DeSouza and this is the first reading for this item.

ADJOURNMENT

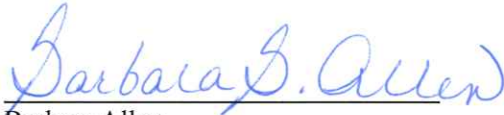
Council President Rounds: Can I have a motion to adjourn.

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

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council