



## City of Parma Heights Council Minutes February 13, 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 Safety Director Heffernan.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:02 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.*

### COUNCIL MINUTES

January 23, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Work Session Minutes

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the Council Minutes

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds

Nay: None

Abstain: Haase

*Minutes Approved*

January 23, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to approve the Council Minutes

Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Maruschak, Rounds

Nay: None

Abstain: Haase

*Minutes Approved*

### REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President asked Safety Director Heffernan to begin...

Director Heffernan: Just two items I'd like to share with you this evening. Deer culling has been moving along very well, we have reached our minimum numbers already which is good. The Fire Department is in the process of applying for a grant through FEMA for a new ladder truck.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Heffernan? Seeing none.

Director Sepik...

Service Director Sepik: Thank you Council President. Last week we took possession of our end loader, it's been over a year since we ordered it and we're still waiting for one more piece, I'll let you know when it comes in.

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

Finance Director Iaconis: So, without having the budget to work on this March, we have had more time to focus on our financials for 2022 and get them filed. We are meeting again this week with the FOP on the ongoing police negotiations, I think we're getting semi-close to wrapping it up with them, service as well and then this Friday will be 4 weeks since we had our hearing with the Fire Department. We should be hearing something very soon in that regard.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Iaconis? Councilwoman Walsh.....

Councilwoman Walsh added I noticed your hiring for summer help and the pay brackets are very good, I know we've been extremely low in the past and I applaud that you can pay them that. That's great.

Finance Director Iaconis responded that council was responsible for increasing the pay rates last year, thank you. We have to pay a fair wage. You just reminded me that because of some of the contract finalization, I will need to amend the wage ordinance for the Police and Fire Chiefs, and that will be forthcoming.

Council President Rounds: Okay, any further questions or comments for the director? Seeing none. Mayor Gallo.....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Mr. President. I'll begin with some Recreation Department highlights. The Recreation Department had 30 people attend the last owl walk from as far as Aurora. They got to observe the owl on two different view points and listen to her call. Many of the people were commenting on the diverse programming we are implementing here in the city in a positive way. There were 49 participants for the Valentine's themed craft day held over the weekend, and 11 participants attended the open dance including some of our seniors. Baseball, softball, t-ball and women's soccer is currently taking registrations, swim team registration will open on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Over the first two weeks of registration, we have had a good response. March 11<sup>st</sup> at the 11:30 session of the Leprechaun hunt is almost full only a few spots still available. We will have over 60 participating Leprechaun hunters on that day. Regarding our grants, there is \$52,880 available for the NOPEC Grant Program, we are putting together where we can use that grant funding. The ODNR Recreational Trails Program are still scoring the applications. We should know something mid next month. We are still waiting on the block grant for our ambulance and supplemental grant to help with the theatre lobby improvements, those are in process right now. The Senior Center served and delivered 1,291 meals over the last two weeks. The much-anticipated volleyball match between the Parma Heights senior's vs the Donna Smallwood Center Seniors was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> and in the notes: besides some trash talking by the opposing team no one was seriously hurt. We won the first game, lost our next three games. The next match is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month.

Council President added that he had lunch with State Representative Brennan at Normandy High School and there were some participants there who had been at the volleyball game. They told a story about how they walked in and saw Parma Heights in matching shirts, cheerleader, and they were quite intimidated. Parma Heights just came in and raised the bar on what we needed to do for the next game. Very cute.

Mayor Gallo continued that for the first time the senior center had more people attend the drumming exercise, we will be getting some extra equipment, it's really taken off and they're going to add another drumming class. The seniors will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a movie and brownies today and tomorrow. We have two big projects coming up. There was a pre-demolition meeting last week regarding NEO Soccer facility. Demolition should start within the next week or so. They're going inside and removing some of the lighting and things like that and we're in the process of shutting down utilities. That building should be down by mid or end of March. We've received bids for the Nathan Hale Retention Basin and our engineer is still putting together the bid tabulations, by the next council meeting we should know where we stand with that. Bids came in within the 10% which is all good. I want to compliment our police department, Director Heffernan mentioned on deer culling they reached the minimum number of 55, I think we're at 56 right now. We were given permission to pull additional permits and the people receiving the deer are just thrilled, so a win/win all around. I have a Board of Zoning Appeals re-appointment and I would like to re-appoint Stephanie Palmisano to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the term of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025.

Council President Rounds made a motion. Seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

Clerk Allen took roll call: Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds.  
Nay: None

*Motion Carries*

Council President Rounds asked about the NOPEC grant, are there qualifications on what that money can be used for?

Mayor Gallo explained that the funds can usually be used for improvements regarding energy efficiency. We were looking at improving and updating lighting in our buildings, HVAC issues and other things like that.

Councilwoman Walsh asked in regards to the deer culling, we just do that in the parkway correct? A neighbor asked me because there is a pack of 12 that run up and down Blossom and one of them is really big. I told him I don't believe we do them in the neighborhoods.

Mayor Gallo informed the councilwoman that currently it is being done at Stroude Park, Nathan Hale Park, the Reservoir, behind the NEO Soccer facility. Those are the four areas, if we have a larger private area, we will consider culling there but right now we are in city parks. Residents have offered up their yards and we had our officers take a look and they're going to let me know if they're within our safety guidelines. If it's on Blossom, I wouldn't think it would fit into our guidelines over there.

Councilwoman Walsh agreed and thanked the mayor.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further questions for the mayor? Seeing none.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds read the Ohio Department of Liquor Control requests from Speedy's in Parma Heights at 6229 Pearl Road. If there is no objection, the Chief of Police has recommended approval for this item. Is there any objection? None. We will go ahead and approve with consent. We have another from the Home and Family Club, Vestibule and Patio at 6450 Pearl Road, also asking for approval from

the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. I have approval under Chief Scharschmidt for this one as well. Seeing no objection to that, both of those will stand as approved. Thank you everyone.

### **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 are given 3 minutes to speak.

Mr. Grasnik, 10006 Ackley Road. Thank you, Mr. Rounds, my question is; would commercial businesses abutting residential homes with that noise ordinance, for the last month, I think the Constellation School has changed garbage collectors and between 3:45 to 4:30 in the morning they are collecting garbage and pounding with those big heavy dumpsters. It wakes you up.

Council President Rounds thanked Mr. Grasnik and said we would look into that issue.

Mr. Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. Are you familiar with the term doxi? I'm concerned about an e-mail that was sent out regarding the Police Academy from you. If you click on a name in the address line, it shows my full e-mail address. I've been hacked in the past and I have changed all my passwords on a lot of my online accounts already.

Council President Rounds apologized and explained that he intended to use blind copy. I will pay more attention in the future. Thank you.

Mr. Rock, 9181 Ackley Boulevard. I live on the corner of Brookmere and Ackley and I live by a park. I have four lights there; one stays on all night the other three blink. I'd appreciate someone getting out there to repair the lights.

Council President Rounds thanked Mr. Rock for his comments and 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: Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, 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 third reading any questions or comment? Seeing none.

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

**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: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, 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 the third reading for this ordinance, are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Walsh motioned; seconded by Councilman Stavole to move for passage.

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

*Ordinance 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: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, 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 third reading for this ordinance, are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

**2023 – 6: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE 2023 – 6 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH NEW MATTER; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

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


**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

  
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Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council

  
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Tom Rounds  
President of Council