



City Council
Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2021
7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

A. Members Present

- Councilmember DeSouza
- Councilmember Everett
- Council President Gallo
- Councilmember Haase
- Councilmember Rounds
- Councilmember Stavole
- Councilmember Walsh

B. Members Absent

- None

C. Also Present

- Mayor Byrne
- Dan Bender, City Engineer
- Katie Iaconis, Director of Finance
- Trish James, Senior Center Director
- Mike Pokorny, Director of Law
- Chrissy Reason, Clerk of Council
- Mark Schneider, Assistant Director of Law
- Joe Sebes, Director of Community & Economic Development
- Joe Tal, Recreation Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SWEARING IN OF FIRE CHIEF MATTHEW BERNARD

Mayor Byrne swore in Fire Chief Matthew Bernard.

4. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. October 25, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Stavole made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021 Minutes. Councilmember Everett Seconded.

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

Nay: None

5. Reports from Mayor and Directors

A. Joe Tal, Recreation Director

- The tree lighting will be 11/21/2021 at 5 PM.

B. Joe Sebes, Director of Community & Economic Development

- Veterans memorial is close to being complete.
- Received a grant for \$4,800 from Akron Cleveland realtors for a pocket park.

C. Katie Iaconis, Finance Director

- Service department contract should be ready by the end of the year.
- There will be a draft of the temporary budget soon.
- The department is finishing appropriations for this year.

D. Trish James, Senior Center Director

- Received a grant for \$31,000 from the Ohio Department of Aging for COVID related expenses. The money will be used for new appliances, new food carriers, touchless sanitizers, activities, transportation to take seniors for flu & booster shots and meals.
- The transportation has expanded to offer more essential trips for seniors. However, they have yet to resume after hours and special trips. To compensate for that we are throwing a holiday dinner the week of Thanksgiving and the week of Christmas after hours.
- A hair stylist has been volunteering her time once a month to give free haircuts.
- Partnering with Old Brook High School by receiving extra food, dairy and fruit that would otherwise be thrown out.
- Cosmetology students will gain experience hours by providing free manicures to the seniors.

E. Dan Bender, City Engineer

- Queens HWY project is still on hold.
- Resurfacing project will follow the Queens HWY project
- North Church Drive project construction is in the final plans and will go to bid soon.
- Independence Blvd design phase is ending.

F. Mayor Byrne

• Service Department Report:

- Concrete walkway for the Veterans Memorial was graded & installed, pavers were removed.
- Concrete work for new chiller at City Hall, relocation of RTA bus shelter and the new pocket park at Reservoir Drive will be completed this week.
- Snow plows were placed on large and small trucks with four salt trucks ready to go if needed.
- Salt bin roof was replaced from shingles to a steel panel roof.
- Crack sealing program was completed for the season.
- 16 Streets were sealed well as sealing the new concrete water boxes that were repaired throughout the summer

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| Huffman Rd | North Church – bridge to Ames |
| Upper Anthony | Newland |
| Oakwood | Fordwick |
| Rosslyn | Alderwood |
| Rochelle | Library exit drive |
| Halcyon | Lotusdale – Pearl to Deering |
| Chesterfield | Hodgeman |
| Greenheath | Creekside |

- Swore in 2 Firefighters and 2 new Police Officers today.
- City Hall will be close Thursday November 11 in observance of Veterans Day
- Congratulations to Rick Haase, Tom Rounds, Lesley DeSouza, and Lisa Maruschak on being elected for Ward Council positions the 2022-2025 term.
- Congratulation to the Mayor-Elect Marie Gallo on being elected as the Mayor of Parma Heights and the first female Mayor in Parma Heights history.

LEGISLATION

6. NONE

7. PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Gallo reminded the audience if they have a comment to stand, state their name, address and city if they live outside of Parma Heights and there is a three-minute limit to speak. All comments and questions will be directed to the Council President.

A. None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stavole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Everett Seconded.

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

Nay: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 PM


Chrissy Reason, CMC
Clerk of Council




Marie Gallo
Council President

