

THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2022

Council President Rounds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Haase, Maruschak, Rounds, Stavole, Walsh, DeSouza.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Rounds stated that Council will make their choice for the open Council at-Large seat. He thanked the 11 residents who expressed an interest in the Council at-Large position. He asked that the councilmembers state the name of the person who they wish to appoint to this open seat.

DeSouza – Sue Durichko

Haase – Sue Durichko

Maruschak – Sue Durichko

Rounds – Sue Durichko

Stavole – Donna Marchese

Walsh – Donna Marchese

Council President Rounds congratulated Sue Durichko for receiving the appointment.

Mayor Gallo swore in Sue Durichko to the Council at-Large position.

Council President Rounds stated that the minutes from the December regular and special council meetings are still in the process of being completed. He expects these meetings to be ready for approval at the February regular council meeting as well as presentation of the council committees.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

Stacey Allen, Recreation Director – The department is working on scheduling some spring and summer programs and events.

Dennis Patten, Service Director – Over 1000 tons of salt are on-hand, and there are two trucks with some minor repairs.

Brian Heffernan, Safety Director – A grant application has been submitted for a K9 for the city, and they are hoping to get a general service dog on board.

Katie Iaconis, Finance Director – Internal discussions have started for the budget. They are still planning on having directors come in the first meeting in February to start reviewing the budget process. Union negotiations have started.

Mayor Gallo – She congratulated Councilwoman Durichko. On February 1st City Hall will be open to the public. Masks will still be required, and residents will have access to the recreation department, the building department, and the Mayor's Court window. The Senior Center will be open on February 1st as well. They look to have initial budget meetings start before the next council meeting on February 14th. She presented an appointment to the Planning Commission of Zachary Humphrey, and with the advice

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and consent of council, she would like to appoint Mr. Humphrey to the Planning Commission. He will be sworn in, if Council approves, on February 7th before the next Planning Commission meeting. Council gave their advice and consent.

APPOINTMENT OF ZACHARY HUMPHREY TO THE PARMA HEIGHTS PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MAY 28, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 APPROVED.

Mayor Gallo added that the service department worked around the clock through the two major back-to-back storms, and the 2nd shift is working to clear bus stops and bridges.

LEGISLATION:

Councilman Haase made a motion to read by title only.

Councilwoman DeSouza seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Haase, Maruschak, Rounds, Stavole, Walsh, DeSouza, Durichko all voted yes. Motion passes.

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EUTHENICS, INC. TO SERVE AS CITY ENGINEER AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED THEREUNDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Haase made a motion to suspend the rules for one reading only.

Councilwoman DeSouza seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Haase, Maruschak, Rounds, Stavole, Walsh, DeSouza, Durichko all voted yes. Motion passes.

RULES SUSPENDED.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any comments regarding this legislation. There were none.

Councilman Haase made a motion for passage.

Councilwoman DeSouza seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Haase, Maruschak, Rounds, Stavole, Walsh, DeSouza, Durichko all voted yes. Motion passes.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED 7-0.

Councilwoman DeSouza made a motion to read by title only.

Councilman Stavole seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Haase, Maruschak, Rounds, Stavole, Walsh, DeSouza, Durichko all voted yes. Motion passes.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 315, TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO MONITORING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This is the first reading.

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PUBLIC SESSION:

Lenny Rock, 9181 Ackley Road, requested a stop sign on Ackley by the park. A stop sign used to be there. Council President Rounds thanked him and said this request would be referred to the Mayor and Chief. Mayor Gallo said she will have the Safety Director along with the City Engineer look into the history of that stop sign and why it was removed. The city is governed by Ohio Traffic Laws, so stop signs cannot be placed for purposes of controlling speeding vehicles. There is a provision in the code. She will have them look into that and see if there is a reason why the city cannot put a stop sign there. Councilmember DeSouza addressed Director Heffernan and requested patrol in that area.

Tammie Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road, thanked the service department and Mayor Gallo for having the roads safe and clean in a good amount of time during the snowstorm.

Councilwoman DeSouza made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilwoman Walsh seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Haase, Maruschak, Rounds, Stavole, Walsh, DeSouza, Durichko all voted yes. Motion passes

COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M.

COUNCIL RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:53 P.M.

Councilwoman DeSouza made a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Walsh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.



Nora Neel, Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds, President of Council