



City of Parma Heights Council Minutes October 11, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Marie Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Director of Finance Iaconis, Assistant Finance Director Howard Gross, Director of Service Robert Sepik, Director of Safety Heffernan, Recreation Director Allen and City Engineer Dan Bender.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 26, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: DeSouza

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President asked Director Allen to begin.....

Recreation Director Allen: We recently established a relationship with the Central State University Extension Office, they were looking for a location to offer classes, so we volunteered for their free classes to be taught at our location. We even started doing some food preparation classes because they were pretty popular. People requested more food preparation classes and other programs that they offer and they will offer those at no cost to the city. They will have staff come and teach them and bring all the supplies also at no cost to the residents to participate as well. We will be expanding that offer soon. We are working on the Creatures of the Commons which will be held October 22nd, this will be the city's stationary Trick or Treat or Trunk or Treat kind of activity that does not replace normal Trick or Treating. It will be held on the Commons in the gazebo area, at the moment we have 13 stations that people will be able to rotate through. We are planning a tree lighting for November 27th some of the local school choirs are going to participate, the Cassidy Theatre cast is going to perform, a dance studio is going to come and perform and of course Santa will be there. Breakfast with Santa, we are beginning planning now, several local businesses are coming forward to participate in that and a nice opportunity for people to participate in that as well. We've had several seniors request, after our summer concerts, to incorporate dancing and that will be happening inside Cassidy Theatre, I'm going to try that a couple of times over the winter months and see how that goes, it will be ballroom dancing with recorded music so it will be a free activity for anybody who wants to participate.

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

Safety Director Heffernan: Yes, thank you. As it was mentioned earlier the negotiations with the safety forces are ongoing. The Patrolmen hired a new union, currently we are several months behind but our first day is next Tuesday to meet with them. October 20th the bodycams and dashcams should be all installed and operational, and fully integrated. We've finished up the policies and our outside vendor who works with the policies as well.

Council President Rounds: Questions/Comments for Director Heffernan?

Councilwoman DeSouza asked that although she had been out for a couple of meetings, I noticed that there is now a designated "safety zone" at the Parma Heights Police Department for people who are selling items and transferring items so they can feel safe doing these transactions. I think that's a really good idea, thank you for doing that.

Safety Director Heffernan replied that the credit goes to the Chief and the Mayor.

Mayor Gallo added that the police department had wanted this set up for some time and then more recently Council President Rounds asked about this as well because he had seen it in other cities. We are glad it has come to fruition; it really has taken off on social media and I'm really happy with the amount of traction we received even though it is also in many other cities.

Councilwoman DeSouza added that even before this had come to fruition, she had done some transactions up there in front of the police department because it can be a little intimidating for other people. Thank you, it's a great idea.

Council President Rounds: Okay, thank you Director Heffernan. Director Sepik

Service Director Sepik: Thank you. Our next bulk collection will be October 19th for rubbish this month also leaf collection we will hold out as long as we can, once we see numerous amounts of piles, we'll send a crew out. We'll start with one, then add another and then possibly add a third crew. I'm looking at 10/31 which is a Monday to start or 11/7 which is also a Monday, we will be posted all over Facebook, the sign, Ready Notify, the Mayor's Newsletter, any place we can hit, we'll have the information available along with the list of recommendations on how to stack the leaves and how to place them and not to park in the street while leaf collection is going on. If there is a car parked, we write down the address and if they call us, we can tell you what address it is because a car was parked in front and we couldn't get to the pile. Communication with your neighbors is key to this situation.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that we have some neighbors impeding the residents house, but it's not their cars and that causes a lot of turmoil.

Service Director Sepik responded that he knows this is an issue but the resident will then have to wait until the next round of pick-ups and Service will continue to do pick-ups until the season is over. They might have to wait three weeks until we come back to them, but we will be back.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that she understands the process but it has been the point of contention for many years.

Service Director stated that he agrees and that's why we are putting the information out in the Mayor's Newsletter with instructions and please try not to park on the streets from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked if there will be any kind of schedule published to the residents letting them know what area or district for that week that you will be in to help them out.

Mayor Gallo responded that we will do our best to get that information out there this season. We will do our best since we have these tools in our hands that we can post or put the information out there anytime of day so people can get an idea of when their going to come and where they will be.

Director Sepik stated that the first round goes very fast because you are only picking up one to five piles per street, so they move quickly on the first round. Once everybody sees and hears the trucks, that when everybody starts raking.

Council President Rounds: Yeah, in the past I heard the trucks maybe three streets away and just sighed. But you are going to give notice to neighborhoods or wards or streets, locations?

Director Sepik agrees and said a week before we start it will be posted everywhere, Facebook, Ready Notify, if its 10/31 start date or 11/7 start date, we have a route that we follow, it's the same every year, we don't deviate from it. If we implement the second truck, we just do the opposite side of the street so we get it done just that much quicker, we do our best.

Council President Rounds: I know some residents by me that don't like to get the leaves on the tree lawn too early because the longer it sits the grass could die underneath so they try to play this game where how long do I keep mulching or bagging, when do I get it to the tree lawn? To have the information on the route or schedule would be very much appreciated. Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none. Director Iaconis....

Director Sepik asked to interrupt and stated that Republic Waste will pick up yard waste until the end of November. November 30th whatever that last garbage collection dates is, so if people prefer to bag them, brown bag them but that is always and option for people as well.

Mayor Gallo stated that these notifications will go out to residents, we'll try to do the middle of November and then again, a two week notice before the last pick up. Thank you.

Finance Director Iaconis: Much like tonight and the next couple of meetings, we'll have all the departments in to present their budget and have a document showing our projects and also amending any appropriations to finish out 2022 which are likely due to budget grant amounts and expenditures. Negotiations are still on going and hope to have something to council very soon. I have many things before the end of the year.

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

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Council President. Earlier the police and fire budget were given to council for review and discussion with the Chiefs, we hope to introduce the 2023 Budget at the next council meeting. The Service and other departments will present to council that evening as well. The Senior Center served and delivered 1,244 meals over the last two weeks. The seniors will be provided transportation to get Flu shots at the local drug stores like Walgreens and to other places that provide them. The administrator advised me that there is an influx of seniors registering for Senior Center and the Ready Notify program and they are getting that information from the newsletter which is great. Transportation will be provided to all seniors if they need transportation to vote on November 8th. I want to touch on the Ready Notify program, this is an emergency and non-emergency notifications, when you sign up you can choose what you want either emergency or non-emergency or both. We are starting to utilize it more and we put out a notification about pickup and some residents were under the impression that this was only for emergencies, it's also for non-emergencies, general notifications relating to city business. If you get any questions from your residents, you can pass that along. It was in the recent newsletter to clarify the system uses. But we are getting a lot more people signing up for that so that's really good. Going back to the Recreation Department, Trick or Treat will be Monday, October 31ST, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. I believe Breakfast with Santa, Councilwoman Maruschak located Santa for us, so thank you. As council is aware we are awaiting the final audit for 2020 and as soon as we have that I'll

report on that at a meeting and also congratulations to Council President Rounds who was inducted into the Brunswick High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Congratulations. That concludes my report Council President.

Council President Rounds: Thank you so much. Any questions or comments for Mayor Gallo? Two from me rather quickly, only because Chief Bernard reminded me of that Ladder Grant that has been outstanding, you know you almost forget about it because it's been so long, and we haven't heard anything and then that reminded me of the NEO Soccer Facility grant.

Mayor Gallo responded that the City of Parma Heights hasn't heard anything about that grant to help us demolish the NEO building.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: This evening we have an update from Councilman Haase regarding the Planning Commission.

Councilman Haase: There was only one item on the agenda. You may recall that last week I shared with you information about a proposed lot split at Maplewood and Pearl Roads for PPN# 473-25-029. The Planning Commission gave unanimous approval to that at their last meeting. That was the one item that was discussed.

Council President Rounds: Thank you any questions for Councilman Haase? Seeing none.

LEGISLATION

2022 – 35: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CASSIDY THEATRE WITH CASSIDY THEATRE, INC. AN OHIO NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

Council President Rounds: This is the third reading, is there any questions or comments. Seeing none.

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza for passage.

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

Nay: None

Resolutions Passes

2022 – 32: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Durichko 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: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 933 ENTITLED "WATER" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

Council President Rounds: This is the third reading, is there any questions or comments. Seeing none.

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilman Stavole for passage.

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

Ordinance Passes

2022 – 36: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE THROUGH GOVPLANET/IRONPLANET.**

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

2022 – 37: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE STATE OF OHIO [DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION] TO REPLACE THE INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD BRIDGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

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

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

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

Resolutions Passes

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: Moving right into our public comment portion of the meeting, if you have a comment, please stand, state your name and address and please direct all comments to me, you have 3 minutes to speak.

Mr. Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. My question is on this draft of the new ordinance 648.17, who is going to enforce it? This was the one that was brought up at the Mayor's Caucus.

Council President Rounds: You're talking about the peace disturbance?

Mr. Fred Koch: 648.17 yes

Council President Rounds: I would assume that would be the police department. Director Schneider.....

Director Schneider: Mr. President it carries a criminal penalty, it's in our general offences section under the peace disturbance chapter. Yes, it's a criminal offence.

Council President Rounds: Thank you.

Mr. Fred Koch: I want to know how you're going to check the decibel level at 60, I am talking at 65 decibels right now. Are they going to have a certified meter, to be recording this noise ordinance?

Council President Rounds: Well, let me first say that the ordinance is still in a draft form. We'll take that into consideration, I appreciate that.

Mr. Fred Koch: If you look up the two ordinances before this one, 648.15 and 648.16 which were not on the docket, they are also noise ordinances. This ordinance is stating before 8:00 in the morning where 648.16 says for a contractor you can start at 7:00 a.m. You can tear a roof off at 7:00, you can start banging a hammer at 7:00. Why are we saying to the residents you can't do anything before 8:00? One more thing 648.16 has to do with trash pick up if the police are enforcing it Mr. Rounds, tomorrow morning please come sit in my driveway at 6:20 a.m. the garbage truck will be picking up my trash, that means he starts at York Road at 6:00 comes all the way down Orchard and comes back up my street between 6:20 - 6:30 a.m. they've been doing this for 3 years, nobody has come down and ticketed him.

Council President Rounds: Thank you Mr. Koch, I will tell you that the review of the peace disturbance ordinance which could possibly have opened up other discussion for other ordinances as well but I appreciate your notes.

Mr. Fred Koch: I attended the "Coffee with the Cop" the other day and brought this up, who is going to enforce this? The general consensus in the room was that we don't have enough police to do that.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Are there any other comments for the Public Session? Seeing none.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council