



**City of Parma Heights
Council Minutes
October 24, 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 Service Robert Sepik, Director of Safety Heffernan, Recreation Director Allen.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 11, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

Nay: None

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Recreation Director Allen: We recently held our first annual Halloween event this past Saturday, "Creatures on the Commons". The Service Department assisted us with the set up and clean up and then during the event police and fire also participated. The mayor's office had a station there along with other community members/groups. We had 14 stations and then 3 additional sponsors that did participate with many donations and things for us to give away. We estimated attendance between 500 – 600 people and we anticipate that this will continue to grow each year. It was well received from the community. We are working on the Tree Lighting and getting some community groups involved with that as well and Breakfast with Santa in December. In November we still have some smaller activities lined up like ballroom dancing, line dancing and we're starting Make it Take it art events over at the theatre. Madi Bacci, Program Coordinator did an Owl Walk on Saturday, she had 57 people participate in the walk to see if the owl would call back. She will have some more owl themed activities over the winter months because they actually start nesting in January/February we have asked the Service Department to put out a nesting box for us back there that Madi built and so maybe we'll be able to schedule some more activities at different times.

Council President Rounds: Thank you any questions or comments for Director Allen? Councilwoman Maruschak.....

Councilwoman Maruschak added that the event was a lot of fun, so many happy faces. I'm excited about next year.

Director Allen added that I did have to move the event last minute to the tennis courts, but it ended up working out very well because the area wasn't wet and with the turn out we had it could have caused significant damage to the other location we originally had. We will probably keep it there for future events because it worked out very well.

Councilwoman DeSouza added that she reiterated with what Councilwoman Maruschak stated. I was stunned, it was amazing to see the line of people going all the way across the pool. You guys did a nice job and it really was nice having it contained because with the kids running around up by the gazebo it might have been a little nerve racking and then they could just go over to the playground, it was really nice to see them enjoying the event. Great job.

Council President Rounds asked in regards to the community members/business's that donated to the event, how are we going about thanking them? Is there a letter from the mayor, letter from the department, would it be appropriate for council? I think it's a good idea and want to encourage them to do those kinds of things as well.

Mayor Gallo responded that for example when we had sponsors for the baseball teams, the mayor's office would send something thanking them for donating to the City's event. Director Allen added that appreciation went out on social media just so that people knew who the generosity came from for the event. We will be sure to get that information to the Mayor's Assistant so that she can follow up.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further questions? Seeing none. And stated to his council colleagues that council will be working on being able to participate in the tree lighting ceremony, we haven't discussed that yet, but we will be there.

Director Allen wanted to encourage council to be a part of the tree lighting ceremony, we already have a couple choirs that are going to perform, the cast from Cassidy Theatre is going to perform, a children's dance studio that plan on having a musical number to perform. Council President said then no singing or dancing from Council? Director Allen said she ran that past your Clerk and she didn't think that would be what council would want to do at the event. I appreciate your support and your wiliness to donate your time to these events.

Council President Rounds: Director Heffernan.....

Safety Director Heffernan: Thank you. Two firefighters and one police officer have been hired for the city, they will begin on Monday, the 14th. The two firefighters came from the NTN and police officer is a lateral hire from Cleveland. We are still getting a ton of calls from the residents regarding the overnight parking. We are looking for a solution to help the residents. There is an app or online that we're looking into to help the residents out because we get a lot of calls, two today, it's a lot of work for Madi and Nora, the police department, tons of calls each week that are taking away from other duties that need to be completed. We are hoping this app or online web system can help us out.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you. Leaf collection will begin this next Monday, October 31st, it's posted on Facebook, Ready Notify and on the signs outside. We will have a truck going throughout the city on Wednesday just to test the equipment, just to make sure everything is working properly. Yard waste will still be being picked up by Republic until the end of November, please feel free to use that service until then. Saturday, November 12th you can drop off any campaign recycling sign you have at the service garage from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Community shredding will also be held Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 to 12:00 at the service garage as well. The next bulk collection will be Wednesday, November 23rd and our household hazardous waste will be on Saturday, November 26th and will be the last one for the season both will be held at the service garage from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none. Just a quick question I forgot to ask earlier, the legislation before us this evening regarding the obsolete vehicles, where do they end up going? Director Sepik responded that they go on Iron Planet and they go out to auction whoever the high bidder is, they make arrangements to come pick it up and the payment goes back into the General Fund. Thank you. Director Iaconis provided a full presentation during caucus and will not be joining us? Okay, thank you. Mayor....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Council President. Yes, Director Iaconis gave her budget presentation at Mayor's Caucus and didn't have anything more to share at this time. The Senior Center served and delivered 1,259 meals over the last two weeks. They are still getting a lot of people signing up on the Ready Notify program, this is an emergency and non-emergency notifications for the city, when you sign up you can choose what you want either emergency or non-emergency or both. When you sign up you will receive leaf collection information and things like that. The senior center had a great trip to the Amish Country on Saturday, there were about 70 of our seniors got in line for that trip. As I just mentioned the 2023 budget was discussed during the Mayor's Caucus, police and fire discussed at the last caucus and we discussed the rest of the departments this evening, capital improvements were discussed for the pool under the Recreation Department, new police vehicles, an ambulance for the Fire Department and a Bucket Truck/Dump Truck/pick-up truck and a saw for the Service Department. I want to thank council for considering these items. Safety is very important, police cars and ambulances, but also, I want to emphasize that the two (2) pick-up trucks that we have received this year are vital to keeping our roads clear and getting our first responders where they need to get to safely. We are still waiting on the insurance renewal and also the North Royalton Jail Contract, these items might be before council at the next council meeting. As the Director already announced, next week leaf collection will begin, we encourage residents to put the leaves out in the first pass starting Monday and we hope each week or every two weeks to provide an update as to streets that have been completed, first pass, second pass depending on the volume determines the number of passes on each street. We work sometimes into December, just depends on how much volume there still is that needs to be picked up. That completes my report, thank you Mr. President.

Council President Rounds: Thank you so much. Any questions or comments for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none, thank you mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: There are no communications this evening so we'll move into legislation.

LEGISLATION

2022 – 36: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilman DeSouza 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 DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE THROUGH GOVPLANET/IRONPLANET.**

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

Nay: None

Resolutions Passes

2022 – 38: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. WAIVING THE STATUTORY TIME PERIODS REQUIRED BY OHIO R.C. 4117.14 (G)(11), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to suspend the rules.

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

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

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to move for passage.

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

Resolutions Passes

2022 – 34: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Council President Rounds: And this is the first of three readings, so we will move on to item number 4.

2022 – 35: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR PETROLEUM FUELS AND LUBRICANTS, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR**

COMPETITIVE BIDS THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to suspend the rules.

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

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

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

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

Ordinance Passes

Council President Rounds: Councilwoman Maruschak.....

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned; seconded by Councilman Stavole to adjourn to executive session to prepare for, conduct, and/or review a collective bargaining strategy.

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

PUBLIC SESSION


Council President Rounds: Council returns from Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. we will continue on through our agenda. If there is any public comment, please state your name and address and please direct all comments to me, you have 3 minutes to speak. Seeing none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council


Tom Rounds
President of Council