



**City of Parma Heights  
Council Minutes  
December 12, 2022**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Marie Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Finance Director Iaconis, Director of Service Robert Sepik, Director of Safety Heffernan, Assistant Finance Director Gross and Recreation Coordinator Bacci.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:00 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.*

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 28, 2022 Parma Heights City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza 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 Recreation Program Coordinator Bacci to begin...

Program Coordinator Bacci: Yesterday we had our Breakfast with Santa in which we had great attendance. We'd like to thank Council President Rounds, DeSouza, Maruschak and Clerk Barbara for helping us set up, it saved us so much time having the helping hands of everyone. It was catered by the Parma Heights McDonalds and they were excellent. It was a very well attended event and next year we're looking to possibly have two sittings during the day. We are getting ready for spring with Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, and Soccer; registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup>. For the Year 2022 Mayor Marie is a Monarch Mayor by the National Wildlife Federation. We will have resident Milkweed growing in the garden thanks to Mr. Koch, which is fantastic. Upcoming events include a Nature Nugget, backyard bird feeders with Project Feeder Watch. Melissa will start Life Guard Certification Registration in January and then we will have line dancing on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 at Cassidy Theatre.

Council President Rounds: Great Thank you Program Coordinator Bacci. Any questions or comments? Seeing none. Director Heffernan.....

Safety Director Heffernan: The Fire Department Chief advises that they continue to inspect the local businesses to get them up to compliance which there are a couple that they are working with right now. The police continue to receive calls about overnight parking. I know the police have located a couple people with a temporary solution but it's still a problem. Following the last 5 days police have seized 5 guns during the course of arrests on the streets. I think they're doing a great job and I think it's important to recognize that. There's a lot of stuff going on out there and these guys are taking care of business.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you Council President. Two quick reminders pertaining to rubbish pick up. December 29<sup>th</sup>, rubbish pick up will be done instead of December 28<sup>th</sup> and the same for the January 4<sup>th</sup> trash pickup will be that Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> so delay one day for each holiday.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Just one question from me, I'm noticing some bulk items being set out already on the tree lawns.

Service Director Sepik: We have an inspector that will stay on through the winter season and he goes up and down all the streets in the city, if he hasn't already, he will be giving citations to those who put the bulk items out prematurely and ask them to move it.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Councilwoman DeSouza.....

Councilwoman DeSouza asked Director Sepik did you just say that we have an inspector that is going to stay on all season and will be checking on stuff?

Service Director Sepik responded that we are hoping to keep him on all season depending on how he holds up for us. Yes, as things come up, please go through Council Clerk Barbara and she'll get it over to me and send him out if needed.

Mayor Gallo added that in the past these were seasonal employees but I plan on keeping at least one on year-round especially during this mild weather to address the concerns and complaints and three or four will be on during the main season.

Council President Rounds: Director Iaconis....

Finance Director Iaconis: Besides year end, we are wrapping things up and we're at a point that we have a tentative agreement with OPBA with the Captains and Sergeants to present to council.

Council President Rounds: I would like to make a motion for us to adjourn into Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, and/or review a collective bargaining strategy. Councilman Stavole Seconded.

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

Nay: None

Council President Rounds: We will adjourn to Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. We came out of Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. and we will return to our regular agenda. At this time are there any further reports from the Mayor or Directors? Mayor.....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Council President. The Community Development Block Grant application has been submitted for the ambulance and Community Developmental Supplemental Grant should be in this next week but we're still in the timeframe to get it in. We are going to go out to bid hopefully this month for the NEO Soccer or Ice Rink Demolition. We are working on the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Recycling Grant which is due February 1<sup>st</sup> and that's the information that's sent out residents that includes all the recycling and trash information. The Senior Center served and delivered 1,321 meals over the last two weeks and then we did mention the \$238,000 in reimbursement that we are expecting, so that is great news. Mr. President this is your ward so it looks like we will be able to go out for bid for the Nathan Hale

Basin this month, maybe this week. And this is the last regular meeting of 2022, if anything comes up between now and the end of the year, we'll call a special meeting.

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: Planning Commission update from Council Representative Haase.

Councilman Haase stated that the commission approved a lot split and consolidation at 6415 Pearl Road. In a nutshell, Litts Plumbing purchased a small parcel of less than an acre from ABC Rental. They had already been using the space for parking so the decision was made by ABC to sell them the land outright. It was a non-contentious issue, obviously approved by the city engineer.

### LEGISLATION

#### **2022 – 45: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES FOR THE PARMA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM T-MOBILE USA, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

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

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

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

*Resolution Passes*

#### **2022 – 43: 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: **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION PAID TO VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING**

**AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

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

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

**2022 – 44: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION [CAPTAINS/SERGEANTS], AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

Council President Rounds: Are there any questions or comments on this ordinance? My thank you to the administration for negotiating a very fair deal for the OPBA and the City of Parma Heights, appreciate that very much. Seeing none.

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

**2022 – 45: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2022-6, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

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

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

#### **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 have 3 minutes to speak. Seeing none.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Rounds: Before we move to adjourn, come to the close of our first year of us all sitting here together, we have done a lot of good work, I appreciate the work we have done together. If I can have a motion to adjourn.

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**



Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds  
President of Council