



**City of Parma Heights
Council Minutes
March 14, 2022**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Director of Finance Iaconis, Director of Public Service Sepik, Director of Recreation Allen, Director of Safety Heffernan and Chief of Fire Bernard.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 2022 & February 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022 & March 2, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Council President Rounds asked to amend the minutes from January 10 and March 2, 2022 to include the reconvene time.

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

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

Nay: None

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Recreation Director Allen: Saturday, March 12th was the first Leprechaun Hunt for families and young children, thank you to Council President Rounds, Councilwomen DeSouza and Maruschak for coming and volunteering as well as Mayor Gallo. A total of 131 people came to this event. We also started line dancing program and we hope will grow as more events are scheduled. Still looking for lots of seasonal workers. Our next event is Earth Day on the Commons and joining with the Historical Society on April 9th for their East Egg Hunt.

Councilwoman DeSouza congratulated Director Allen for a job well done, Councilwoman Maruschak echoed the sentiments, wonderful event.

Safety Director Heffernan: Parma Heights has been honored to receive a \$16,000 K9 grant from the Danny Ripepi Memorial Concert. There is a lot that goes into a K9 search, rescue and training dog (German Shepard) it's a long training and will start in a couple of months. The Police Department has a lateral hire

right around March 29th from Brunswick. Both Police and Fire are entertaining online testing, Law is also looking into it for Civil Service Exam.

Council President Rounds asked what the dog's name might be, Service Director Heffernan stated that it might be Bennett on behalf of Officer Bennett who died years ago but considering options.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked what kind of shifts will the dog be working? Service Director Heffernan said the dog would be working along side the officer in charge, it is still being determined.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked are we allowed to ask who the lucky officer is? Mayor Gallo answered Brad Smith is the officer that will be working with the K9. Three or four people were interested and he is the lucky one.

Service Director Sepik: Republic Service Bulk pick up always the third full week of the month, so this month it falls on March 23rd, Republic Service will begin yard collection waste on April 13th through November 30th, 2022. We have three new employees in the Service Department. The LA Asphalt opens on March 28th, so right now we are using cold patch to fill the holes, hot patch is more suitable so once they open you will see the trucks out filling those holes. We have about 1700 tons of salt and the construction project on North Church is going to start just west of Tobik Trail, it's approximately 100 feet, starting on March 14th.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked where are we at with the Queens Highway project? Mayor Gallo stated that she would get an update from the city engineer on that.

Finance Director Iaconis: Next week I should be finding out when we'll be getting our next round of ARPA funding, we are expecting just over a 1 million dollars this year, we have until 2024 to spend them and we are encouraging improvements to infrastructure. The budget before you had \$200,000 added in capital in order to look at new equipment, which is expensive and lease options make more sense but we are looking at all options. Police are getting their radios all in whole so they are already to go.

Mayor Gallo: Senatorial Citation to Director Sepik from Ohio State Senator Nickie Antonio from the 23rd District sends a special congratulations to Robert Sepik on your appointment to Service Director of Parma Heights. The City's Capital requests are due to the state on Friday to be considered for grant funding and amongst requests are theatre improvements and fiber optic cabling and various building improvements and the state budget will be approved sometime in June, so hopefully we are awarded some grant funding to assist us with these projects. The Senior Center provided 12,122 meals have been delivered over the past two weeks, we are getting back to programming. A Price is Right event had 30 participants which is up prior to Covid. The Department of Senior and Adult Services grant was submitted to the County and the Senior Center is planning a trip to the Cassidy Theater in April to see Sister Act. We are excited to welcome our first K9 and thank you to the Ripepi family for considering the City of Parma Heights as a recipient of that grant funding. Before you at the next Council meeting, I will have an agreement with the North Royalton for the use of their jail. The Law Director is currently in negotiations with the Law Director in North Royalton over the use of the jail. I attended an event at Tri-C, Beyond the Badge, where one of the panelists was our own Captain Tanya Czack on International Women's Day. Was a wonderful event and she was surrounded by many of the neighboring community's other women in law enforcement. I want to

comment on Director Heffernan's comments as well, years past hundred of potential candidates signed up for duty and now we are lucky to have 12 candidates on the lists, so we are trying to think outside the box to hire entry level police officers and fire fighters for the city.

Council President Rounds made a comment that Earth Day is our next event April 23 if Councilmembers are looking to volunteer.

Councilwoman DeSouza made a statement that the alcaldes from Ohio State Senator Antonio come due to her ties with the City of Parma Heights, and has more meaning because she would take the time and effort to congratulate you. Thank you to Clerk Neel and Director Iaconis for bringing us up to date on all the minutes, you guys have done a great job in getting this done. So, thank you very much.

Council President Rounds also thanked Council Clerk Neel and Director Iaconis for their work over the last 10 weeks that there's been no Clerk of Council. Introduction of the new Clerk of Council, Barbara Allen who is here as a guest and she will be joining us on Monday. Valley Forge High School is putting on a production of the Wizard of Oz, it's April 8, 9 and 10th, tickets are available at the door. Cassidy Theater is getting to present Sister Act from April 1st to April 10th.

Mayor Gallo stated she would have Parma Heights's own Michael Caraffi who is the head of the Cassidy Theater available at the March 28th Mayor's Caucus just to introduce himself and go over the upcoming events.

LEGISLATION

2022 - 2 RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

Clerk Neel read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE THROUGH GOVPLANET/IRONPLANET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND OF THREE READINGS.**

2022 - 2 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 315 "TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO MONITORING" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, **AS AMENDED.**

Law Director Schneider stated for a point of clarification that a vote needs to be done after the motion to read by title only.

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 315 “TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO MONITORING” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, **AS AMENDED**.

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

So moved by Councilman Haase for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

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

Item passes

2022 - 3 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, “UTILIZATION CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

So moved by Councilwoman DeSouza for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

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

Item passes.

2022 - 4 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PHOTO RED LIGHT AND SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM WITH AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, INC., DBA VERRA MOBILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

So moved by Councilwoman Maruschak for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

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

Item passes.

2022 – 6 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel 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, 2022 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND OF THREE READINGS**

2022 – 9 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 779 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, "FOOD TRUCKS" TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CHAPTER OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST OF THREE READINGS**

2022 – 10 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE OPTING OUT OF HOUSE BILL 172 (H.B. 172) AND BANNING THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION OR EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST OF THREE READINGS**

2022 – 11 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR TWO (2) FIRE APPARATUSES FROM SUTPHEN CORPORATION AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$684,137.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Walsh moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

So moved by Councilwoman Walsh for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

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

Item passes.

2022 – 12 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEDSTREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY [CEI] TO PROVIDE FOR STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST OF THREE READINGS**

2022 – 4 RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Neel read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EUTHENICS, INC., MUNICIPAL ENGINEER, TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BLOSSOM AVENUE LINING STUDY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Durichko moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

So moved by Councilwoman Durichko for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

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

Item passes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds, please stand, state your name and address and please direct all comments to me.

Mr. Koch: Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. How are we going to enforce the garbage cans that are left out Thursday and Friday? Are we enforcing the overnight parking?

Ms. Rosko: Cindy Rosko, 6295 Old Virginia Lane – I just want to clarify that as a resident if I want to have a food truck for a special event, I then go to the city to get a permit for \$50.00

Law Director Schneider: The truck vendor would make application with the city for that one-day permit and pay their fee and any other conditions required.

Council President Rounds: Are there any further comments?

Mr. Grasnick: Raymond Grasnick, 10006 Ackley Boulevard. As I take my morning walk down Stratford and there's one car that's always parked by the crosswalk that goes into the school and I noticed it was ticketed yesterday and this morning again so they are ticketing so I think our police department seems to be on the ball.

Ms. Bailey: Lynda Bailey, 10135 North Church Drive. The construction on Tobik Trail will go to the bridge, correct? Ms. Bailey would like to see from York to North Church done as well.

Ms. Sarris: Clio Sarris, 10224 North Church Drive. I'm on the corner of Reid and North Church, from Tobik to York is the worst part of North Church. Ms. Sarris would also like to see the road repairs done from York to North Church.

Mayor Gallo: The work on North Church is covered by grant funding for this section, we are possibly looking for grant funding to repair the portion of the street that you're referring to, we know it's a problem and we are looking for funding and ways to prepare that.

Council President Rounds: We are definitely looking into it. I appreciate you comments and share your concerns. Any other concerns.....

M. Koch: Another concern I have is at the end of your street there is a couch and a chair been out on the tree lawn.

Council President Rounds: It was reported today. Any other public comments.....

Ms. Reahm: Phyllis Reahm, 6240 Stratford Drive. Regarding the emergency fees that are going up. Our community is a big senior community, is there any leniency going to be given to our seniors for what the insurance won't cover?

Council President Rounds: It is not our intent to pass this cost onto any resident for what their insurance would cover for them. We would welcome any discrepancy that would come up and ask that you to reach out to City Hall so we can see what we can do.

Ms. Sarris: Clio Sarris, 10224 North Church Drive, is there a reason why the minutes are not available on the website?

Council President Rounds: As you may have heard we've been without a full-time council clerk for 2 ½ months and so as we bring our new clerk on, we would expect to have more continuity with what you would expect to see.

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council