



**City of Parma Heights
Council Minutes
March 28, 2022**

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL AND ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL

Barbara Allen has been elected as Clerk of Council by a unanimous vote by members of council. Barbara Allen was then sworn into the position by Mayor Gallo.

Nora Neel has been elected as the Assistant Clerk of Council by a unanimous vote by councilmembers.

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2022 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

Recreation Director Allen: Tennis courts received vandalism on the nets and poles recently and will try to repair inhouse but may need to make further repairs before summer is upon us. We are currently setting up a partnership with the library for more programs for the community. Several programs that are coming up; Earth Day event on the commons, Madi is working on a program with the Cleveland Metro Parks and several nature programs, and working on getting the pool ready to open.

Councilwoman Walsh asked if the Recreation Department could be sure all events are on the website.

Safety Director Heffernan: The Police Department has a lateral hire from Brunswick, the patrolman will be sworn in, March 29th. The Citizens Police Academy began last Wednesday and I was impressed with the level of organization. Both Police and Fire are entertaining online testing, Law is also looking into it for Civil Service Exam and may begin to use this process soon. The Fire Department has a program for smoke detectors with the American Red Cross in motion and should expect to hear something within the next few weeks as to when they will begin distributing them. The crosswalk at Pearl and Maplecliff Road is getting new signage which will make it safer for everybody using the crosswalk.

Service Director Sepik: Republic Service will begin yard collection waste on April 13th through November 30th, 2022. Bulk pickup will be on April 20th, Computer Round-up will be on April 23rd (9:00 a.m. to noon) at the service garage, Community Shred event will be May 28th, August 27th and November 12th also 9:00 a.m. to noon. Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Conservation District 23 will be hosting our Annual Big Creek Watershed Cleanup on April 30th. The LA Asphalt company has opened so, you will see the trucks out filling holes with hot patch. York (South) and Ridgewood lights are running about 15 second intervals, which is part of the construction, the contractor will be sure they are timed correctly upon completion. Starting this Wednesday and ending on Friday, located on Pearl Road there is a water box that will be repaired by our staff, all the traffic heading southbound will be diverted to the center lane.

Finance Director Iaconis: Recently there was a project on West 130th that the County was the lead on, I've received confirmation that we are getting \$24,000 back on this project. Negotiations have begun with the Police Sargent's; Fire will start shortly thereafter and Patrol will likely follow. Third reading for the budget this evening. We may start talking about assessments earlier than we normally do because they have to be passed by September.

Council President Rounds asked when the contracts expire? Finance Director Iaconis responded that they all expired end of 2021 but they are working under the previous agreements.

Mayor Gallo: Welcome Barbara Allen to the City of Parma Heights. Director Iaconis, Director Sepik and myself met with Euthenics to discuss the issues with the streets so they are in the process of applying for Issue #1 funding. We are working with the engineers on a street rating list, providing us with the top 10 - 15 streets that are in need of repair within the city and the price attached to each one individually. Nathan Hale retention basin, we sent the Federal Government the final amended change of the agreement, we will prepare the legislation to amend the 1970 agreement, and we are prepared to go out for bid upon receipt of final authorization. In response to a question from Councilwoman Maruschak from the last council meeting regarding the timeline of the Queens Highway project; the watermain project will start as soon as weather permits, start time April/May and the road construction component is a separate contract and will begin after the watermain project is complete. Councilwoman Walsh has brought up the City's Website, I am getting information on a complete redesign and hopefully have a new one in place before the end of the year.

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.

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

Nay: None

Clerk Allen 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 – 6 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Durichko 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 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. **THIRD READING**

Councilwoman Durichko moved to pass; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Nay: None

Ordinance passes.

2022 – 9 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

Clerk Allen 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. **SECOND READING**

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

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

Nay: None

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

So moved by Councilwoman DeSouza for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh

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

Ordinance passes.

2022 – 10 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Allen 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. **SECOND READING**

2022 – 12 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 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. **SECOND READING**

2022- 5 RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Maruschak 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 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROAD SALT CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST READING**

Councilwoman Maruschak moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilman Stavole

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

Nay: None

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

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

Nay: None

Resolution passes.

2022-13 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2022 RAM 2500 TRADESMAN VIA PURCHASE ORDER WITH BRUNSWICK AUTO MART AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SAID AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Haase motioned to amend the title to read Public Service; seconded by Councilman Stavole to accept that Scribner error correction.

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

Nay: None

Councilman Stavole moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh

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

Nay: None

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

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

Nay: None

Ordinance passes.

2022-14 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Allen read: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON TO PROVIDE FOR PRISONER HOUSING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST READING**

2022-15 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL AND ASPHALT CONTRACTOR SERVICES, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, FOR VARIOUS ROAD REPAIR AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Haase moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance passes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: Please stand, state your name and address and please direct all comments to me and you have 3 minutes to speak.

Mr. Rock: Len Rock, 9181 Ackley Boulevard. I live across the street from Radlick Park and children and parents are asking to use my facilities because there are no bathrooms available at the park.

Council President Rounds stated you probably shouldn't let people into your home. Recreation Director Allen stated that port-o-potties are being delivered on Friday to Radlick Park.

Ms. Sebastian: Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road. Are most city's going against the house bill for the firework ordinance?

Council President Rounds stated that everyone seems to be opting out and keeping things the way, they were. That's what we are doing, we are just re-enacting an ordinance that we had in place.

Ms. Sebastian: I'd also like to know if we can step up our efforts in security? And my last comment is to thank you mayor for the efforts you are putting in towards the repairs on the roadways.

Mayor Gallo: If this ordinance passes, it will be posted on Facebook and our website informing our residents that although the state is doing this, we are opting out locally. The police usually give a warning and we plan to put it out to the community as much as possible so that everyone is aware that we have opted out. It is still illegal to blow off fireworks in Parma Heights.

Council President Rounds stated that the legislation referenced 8 holidays that were permissible.

Mr. Koch: Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. What are our guarantees on the road construction? Pooling after rains in various areas around the city, will the contractors come back out and do the repairs?

Ms. Dolinak: Barbara Dolinak, 11411 Blossom Avenue. Water building up between York and Sutherland on Blossom Avenue, I would like to know why we aren't doing more of the street because between Sutherland and Commonwealth several basements get water in them?

Council President Rounds stated that he believes it's a phase and they are starting at York and moving towards Sutherland with the intent of continuing down Blossom and then moving over to other side streets.

Service Director Sepik stated yes, that is correct as long as funds allow. Mayor Gallo restated that this was a funded project and that's why it's not covering the entire street at this time but as funding becomes available it will be reviewed.

Ms. Dolinak: There are three homes in the area that have people in and out of them but it seems like no one is living there.

Council President Rounds stated that he would have someone look into these properties.

Ms. Knyszek, Stella Knyszek, 11611 Blossom. Who is the project benefiting on Blossom?

Councilwoman Walsh stated that it will benefit all of us. They will be new, clean pipes and this will help the rest of the street as well.

Council President Rounds stated that this project is through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and it's the beginning of a whole bunch of help they are bringing us in Ward 3 on that side leaning towards Nathan Hale and also Maplewood.

Mayor Gallo stated that there are other areas around the city that have been identified for other things, such as catch basin's, but Blossom was identified as an area that could make the most improvement to the water issues in that area.

Ms. Knyszek: How long can a house stay empty? There is one on the corner of Orchard and Blossom.

Council President Rounds thanked the resident and said he would have someone look into that.

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council