



**City of Parma Heights
Council Minutes
April 11, 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.

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 28, 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: The pool is getting ready to open around mid-May, just in time for Memorial Day weekend and we have 40 new lounge chairs this year, we are currently looking for Lifeguards. We are completing the planning for the summer concert series in conjunction with the City of Parma, they have 5 scheduled for the first half of the summer, we have 4 scheduled for the second half. We have egg coloring on Wednesday night with 8 families signed up. We are doing a Mother's Day program in conjunction with Yorktown Lanes, it is open to all, \$12.00 per person, 5 years and up and lastly our upcoming program is Earth Day, this Saturday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., we will have live music, food trucks, games and a lot of family fun. And thank you to the Historical Society for the Easter Egg Hunt, although a bit wet and cold, it was a wonderful event.

Councilwoman Maruschak commented: Thank you for the pool chairs, I believe the residents will be delighted and also, thank you to you and the Historical Society for last weekends Easter Egg Hunt, we had a great time.

Council President commented about last years availability to staff the pool with Lifeguards, are we competitive with our wages? It would be interesting if we could reach out to Holly Name and Valley Forge's Phys Ed teachers to see if there is any interest in Lifeguarding from any students there.

Recreation Director Allen answered: Yes, wages were increased last year and we are at the mid-point compared to the surrounding communities, our goal is to be open 7 days a week. So, both of those schools have been contacted and have reached out to the students that they knew might have an interest for us.

Council President Rounds made a statement that for those who are on council and will be joining us on Earth Day, we have ordered frisbees to hand out through the crowd to the kids, it will say "Earth Day – Get Out and Play, Parma Heights City Council", on April 23rd.

Safety Director Heffernan: The used, new Fire Department engine truck that they purchased is now in service, and they have been awarded a grant for \$9,041.67 for hoods.

Council President stated that he appreciates the extra work that the Police, Fire and Mr. Sebes puts in to applying for funding through grant programs to get the necessary materials and things needed for the city.

Service Director Sepik: Republic Service will begin yard collection waste on April 13th and run 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, on April 30th, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Conservation District 23 will be hosting our Annual Big Creek Watershed Cleanup from (9:00 a.m. to noon). Mandalay will be closed to local traffic only for about a week and a half, there is about a 20-foot section of repair in the roadway that needs to be addressed.

Councilman Stavole asked if the schools in the area have been notified to take an alternate route? Director Sepik responded that yes, the schools and transportation have been notified and letters have been sent to each resident on the street as well.

Finance Director Iaconis: You asked if our rates were competitive for Lifeguards and for those members of council who were here in the fall, you may recall you did approve an ordinance across the board to bring us more inline with the surrounding communities. Tax Day is coming up, April 18th, I've been able to log into the RITA website and we are currently way ahead of schedule due to the resources RITA is able to provide.

Mayor Gallo: I would like to bring Joseph Sepich to be appointed to the Parma Heights Planning Commission, and I would ask for council consent of that appointment.

Council President Rounds asked council if there were any objections? There were no objections therefore council provided their consent to appoint Mr. Sepich to the Parma Heights Planning Commission.

Mayor Gallo: I would like to bring Stephanie Palmisano to be appointed to the Parma Heights Board of Zoning Commission until the end of her term on 12/31/2022, and I would ask for the majority of council to concur.

Council President Rounds asked if council concurs? You have councils' concurrence.

Mayor Gallo: And the final recommendation, to the Civil Service Commission Mr. John Budi and this also requires a concurrence of the majority of council.

Council President Rounds asked if council concurs? You have councils' concurrence. Also asked if this brings all the commissions up to full numbers?

Mayor Gallo: I am still working on the Recreation Commission but moving along. For the Planning and Board of Zoning Appeals and the Civil Service Commissions these are now full. Also, on this evening's agenda, Ordinance 2022-10 allowing Parma Heights to opt-out of the use of fireworks within the City Limits of Parma Heights and if this shall pass, it will be posted on the website and Facebook tomorrow so that the residents are aware that our laws are still in place. I would also urge our residents to complete our deer survey which is on our website because we will be working on amending our legislation to allow our police department to begin culling and if all goes well, to begin the process next winter, January/February. In the last two weeks the Senior Center has delivered 1,725 meals, they took two bus loads of seniors to see Sister Act at the Cassidy Theatre and they went to the Club House afterwards. They are taking a full bus to the Memorial Day ceremony; they have two buses going to the Nautica Queen in June and now have a waiting list for that trip. They have been working with outside organizations planning programs such as ceramics, flower arrangements and other activities like strength training which will begin the 3rd Friday of every month. The Visiting Nurses from Parma U.H. Hospital are back to give free blood pressure checks and that's the 3rd Thursday of every month and Administrator Litten asked me to announce, a long-time resident Catherine J. Bon has passed away, in lieu of flowers the family asked that donations be made in her name to the Parma Heights Senior Center for Meals on Wheels. Our 155th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be at the end of next month, Parma Heights celebrates having the longest running ceremony in the State of Ohio, transportation will be provided to seniors and Veterans, to and from the church and cemetery.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that she is impressed with the level of education and experience that we have brought on to the Police and Fire Departments. The bios that were before us this evening were just amazing. Also, I noticed we received a tree grant, I wonder if you have established where these trees are going to go, private, parks?

Mayor Gallo stated that in the upcoming council meeting she will be addressing the tree grant and will have more information at that time. There will also be Community Block Grant funding and another grant from the County as well.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council Clerk Allen: Ohio Division of Liquor Control – New permit request: Sandra K Ent LLC DBA Giovannis Italian Market, 6863 W 130th, Parma Hts., OH 44130.

Council President Rounds moved to accept and approve the Liquor Permit for Sandra K Ent LLC DBA Giovannis Italian Market; Seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

No hearing required for the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

Councilman Haase: At the March 7, 2022 Planning Commission meeting approval was given for a convenient store and gas station at 12215 Huffman Road, which is at the corner of Stump and Huffman. The plan calls for a 3,318 sq. ft. gas station, it will replace the former 2,250 sq. ft. car wash that was there for many years. The commission also gave approval for a landscaping plan for the facility, the

construction was set to begin once the weather breaks, so it may have already begun, and completion is set for before the end of the calendar year 2022. The owner, Sam Patel has two other locations, one in Broadview Heights and one in Mentor.

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

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

Nay: None

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

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

Nay: None

Ordinance passes.

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

Councilman Hasse moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Nay: None

Ordinance passes.

2022 – 14 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman DeSouza 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 AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON TO PROVIDE FOR PRISONER HOUSING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2022 – 6 RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

Clerk Allen read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT OF THE PROGRAM OF UTILIZATION FOR NATHAN HALE PARK, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, TO AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORMWATER RETENTION BASIN PROJECT ON SAID LAND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

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

Resolution passes.

2022- 7 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 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, IF ANY, TO ACCEPT SUCH GRANT FUNDING, IF AWARDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to amend the title replacing the Director of Economic Development to Administration and also in Section 5 replacing the Director of Economic Development to Administration. So moved by Councilman Haase; seconded by DeSouza to replace the Director of Economic Development to Administration in both the title and Section 5 of the Resolution.

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

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

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

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

Nay: None

Resolution passes.

2022-16 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC 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

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

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 Councilman Stavole

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, 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 just want to say thank you for taking care of my problem.

Council President Rounds stated I'm glad to hear that was taken care of sir.

Mr. Koch: Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. The State House has come out with a statement that you no longer need to carry CCW license. The City of Cleveland has come forth with a Resolution that they are opposing this new law, is the City of Parma Heights planning on drafting a Resolution opposing this as well?

Council President Rounds stated that he did notice the City of Cleveland passing that Resolution and that he is interested in having Parma Heights have one as well.

Mr. Koch: I'd also like to thank the mayor for putting the deer culling together. I filled out the survey this morning. We need to educate the people about the feeding of the wild animals, I think it would be helpful. I'd also like to suggest we reposition the mayor's portraits because the flag blocks them.

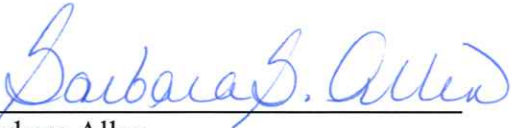
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council