



**City of Parma Heights
Council Minutes
April 25, 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 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 11, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh 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: We are currently still looking for summer staff not only for the pool but also for the community rooms. We have now scheduled Lifeguard training and are making that available not only for our staff but also if anyone is looking to work as a Lifeguard this summer. We have two sessions scheduled, one at the end of May and one at the beginning of June. Our first annual Earth Day in the Commons was held this past Saturday, which was funded partly by NOPEC Community Grants. Madi Bacci was the main coordinator for the event, we had 16 community groups participate in the event including five (5) City Councilmembers and a food truck. We estimate that there were a little over 500 people from the community who attended the event.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that she has received a lot of compliments on the food truck, good job to you and Madi too, well done. Councilwoman Maruschak seconded that comment and wanted to thank everyone else behind the scenes as well, service, safety please extend our thanks to them, thank you. Councilman Rounds also commented on a what a great day it was, it was a great way to interact with the community and council shared a frisbee, it was fun to see them being used on the commons. It was a great event, thank you again.

Safety Director Heffernan: We are working with the National Testing Network and hopefully both police and fire will pass it within the next 45 days. As of today 27, citizens have taken advantage of the Fire/Red Cross Smoke Detector program, Chief and I are pretty excited about that. The police and fire have been

working together with the pool manager on an incident action plan and emergency response plan. Thank you.

Service Director Sepik: The Parma Heights waste collection services events are located on our website as well as posted on Facebook. Republic Services next bulk pickup will be on May 18th, campaign signs collection will be at the service garage, on May 14th from (9:00 to noon), Community Shred Day will be on May 28th, Cuyahoga County Soil and Waste Conservation District 23 will be hosting our Annual Big Creek Watershed Cleanup from (9:00 a.m. to noon) on April 30th. Volunteers are still needed; they will meet at the Snow Road picnic area.

Councilwoman Maruschak stated she will be volunteering with her family to the Annual Big Creek Watershed Cleanup event. Councilwoman DeSouza stated that working the Big Creek Watershed Cleanup in the past brings back some interesting times.

Councilman Rounds asked about the repairs being made to the potholes, how is this laid out through the community and wards, could you explain the process.

Director Sepik responded that Parma Heights is concentrating on the mains and semi-mains first, before we go into areas. We will begin with the Maplewood area which includes Maplewood all the way through Meadowbrook to Blossom, then we will go to the Mandalay area, then the Snow Road area, then Valley Forge and end up at Kingsdale and then the hot-patch will be concluded, we are also going after funding to do more repair and reconstruction to our streets as well.

Finance Director Iaconis: We are still in the midst of contract negotiations with the Police Sargent's and Captains, we are going to begin with the Fire Departments negotiations tomorrow. The patrolman recently voted almost unanimously to move from the OPBA to the FOP, so we are waiting to hear when we can begin those negotiations. Our ARPA report has been completed and we should be getting our second distribution shortly.

Mayor Gallo: I noted earlier the grants that we have received with grant funding for the North Church Drive construction phases I and II; a CDSG grant to help complete the wayfinding and signage in the Master Plan in the Greenbriar Commons area; Cuyahoga County Solid Use District grant for recycle information that went to the residents; a \$50,000 from the Cuyahoga County Urban Tree Canopy program to enhance the urban canopy areas in our city. The Senior Center's staff served 1,197 meals in the past two weeks. During the last council meeting I mentioned that the late Catherine Bon family asked for contributions to Meals on Wheels in lieu of flowers, and they are please to announce that those donations totaled \$1,080.00 in her memory. It really meant a lot to the family because Meals on Wheels allowed her to stay in her home an additional 3 years. Next month the Senior Center will be able to offer flower arranging, pizza and a movie, painting party, an ice cream social, and a second day free to all of the regular exercises and activities that are being offered at the Senior Center. At the end of May they will be having a birthday celebration for two seniors, one will be 100 years old, the other will be 101 years old. We received official and final approval from the Federal Government to move forward with the construction of the Nathan Hail Basin. Our next step will be going out to bid and hopefully breaking ground in about 6 months with that construction project. The city newsletter should be arriving to households next week or the week after. In that newsletter there is a deer culling survey, we want to hear from the resident what impact the deer have on the community, it will be up until June 11th on the website. There is plenty of time to take the survey, we are looking for your input. Our 155th Memorial Day Ceramony is next month, I mentioned at the last

meeting that we will be providing transportation for Veterans and seniors, to and from the Cemetery and the Church and it is the longest running ceremony in the State of Ohio, and we are looking forward to it. I want to thank city councilmembers, the Recreation Department, Service Department, police and fire departments for their work on the Earth Day event. Many more events are coming from the Recreation Department and we will be sure to let council know those dates so they can be in attendance if they so choose. Thank you.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked if the birthday party at the Senior Center will be on the calendar or do you have a date for that event?

Mayor Gallo responded that the date has not yet been set, but as I find out additional information, I will be sure to share it with all of council.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: None at this time

LEGISLATION

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

Council President Rounds stated that this is third and final reading, are there any comments or questions?
Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

2022 – 8: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh 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 ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE THROUGH GOVPLANET/IRONPLANET.**

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

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

Council President Rounds stated that council sees no reason to have this go three readings so this is why we have suspended the rules, are there any comments or questions. Seeing none.

Councilman Haase moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

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

Resolution passes.

2022 – 9: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilman Rounds 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 STRONGLY OPPOSING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PASSAGE AND GOVERNOR DEWINE'S SIGNING INTO LAW SENATE BILL 215, THAT PUTS OHIO CITIZENS AT RISK BY ALLOWING QUALIFYING ADULTS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS WITHOUT A LICENSE AND NECESSARY SAFETY TRAINING; AND URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REPEAL THIS LAW.**

Council President Rounds moves to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

Councilman Rounds moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

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

Resolution passes.

2022 – 17: ORDINANCE 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: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH INTENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) BOBCAT SKID-STEER LOADER FROM CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY DBA BOBCAT COMPANY AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$62,012.24, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

Councilman Stavole moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Ordinance passes.

2022 – 18: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Durichko 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 ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH INTENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) JOHN DEERE WHEEL LOADER FROM MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$143,888.63, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

Council President Rounds any comments or questions. Seeing none.

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

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

Ms. Sebastian: Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road. I'd like to speak on the parking permits legislation that was discussed during the Mayor's Caucus, is that okay? I'd like to know if that would include the parking lots for apartments? The vacancies in the commercial buildings, I appreciate the additional emphasis on this matter. I am in favor of condemning the passage of the CCW laws, however I feel a resolution is not enough, actions always have to follow. I wonder if there was a mayor's alliance or council that would have shown support to oppose this before it was passed? There were many unions that did condemn that passage as well.

Council President mentioned that we do not have the language of an ordinance in place regarding the parking matter. I think the intent is just on residential street parking, and that would be a completely different process for apartment complexes.

Ms. Reahm: Phyllis Reahm 6240 Stratford: Can we have the walkway from Stratford back to the Constellation School cleaned and sprayed for poison ivy? Are they going to continue painting the fire hydrants? And we they still check the fire hydrants to be sure they are in working order? The Petro USA property has a curb that distinguishes a sidewalk from their drive, when Valero resurfaced the lot he took the curb out, he has utility and delivery trucks parking on the sidewalk and if you are walking, you can't continue until you get closer to Ackley or Pearl Road. I think he should come up with a plan to keep the vehicles off the sidewalks maybe those round things for plants or posts in with chains to keep people out of the parking area. At the Constellation school on Pearl Road, they don't have school crossing guards because all of the kids are either bussed or their parents come, but the stop here to activate signal isn't used properly, maybe if we could make it a turn on red it could help defer traffic in that area. The driveway coming out to Ackley from the service drive that both the Constellation School and the Ukrainian Academy are sharing. You cannot walk there safely; they do not stop at that stop sign. It's dangerous.

Mr. Pekarek: Roger Pekarek, 11661 Appleton. Status update on planning or where it stands on the Maplewood Gardens, Cornerstone?

Mayor Gallo: The Building Department is working on that with the builders on that project, hopefully they will break ground early summer, our (CBO) Chief Building Official is tightening up some loose ends. I'd also like to address the concern earlier from Ms. Sebastian regarding the Mayors organizations, we do have Mayor's organizations that go to Columbus and lobby on a regular basis on behalf of the cities. I do believe one of the larger groups were there representing us before this House Bill was passed.

Councilwoman Durichko said Happy Belated Birthday to Director Schneider. Many wishes of a Happy Birthday from all were had.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council