



City of Parma Heights Council Minutes June 27, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Finance Iaconis, Director of Law Schneider, Director of Service Robert Sepik, Director of Safety Heffernan, 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

June 13, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Walsh

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Mr. President, we have a promotional dedication, Chief Bernard would you like to begin?

Chief Bernard: We're going to swear in Firefighter Jeblicka tonight, he's being promoted to Lieutenant. Dan Jeblicka has been with the Parma Heights Fire Department for 9 years now. He's been with our South West Emergency Response Team, Trans Rescue for approximately 7 years and has been a CPR instructor within our department for 5 years. So, he's a very active member of the department and this is exactly what we need. Young guys that are willing to stand up when they see an opening, see something that needs to be done, spearhead it and get it done. He's married with a 5-year-old daughter. Dan enjoys woodworking and mountain biking. I truly appreciate your sacrifices for the department and the residents here in the City of Parma Heights. Please come forward and accept the oath of office that Mayor Gallo will present to you.

Mayor Gallo administered the Oath of Office with Firefighter Jeblicka. Firefighter Jeblicka wife and daughter pin the badge on Lieutenant Jeblicka

Chief Bernard: I cannot express enough my appreciation to the mayor, all the city administration and City Council for their continued support of the Fire Department. Thank you.

Council President Rounds: We will continue with the Reports from Mayor and Directors, Director Allen....

Recreation Director Allen: I'd like to report on some of current activities. We had a Father's Day bowling event which we had 26 people in attendance. We have been holding quite a few activities and events at the pool; swim lessons, preschool, water aerobics. All of our classes that are limited in size other than water aerobics are all full. Madi had her first Nature Nuggets, which is a family, nature, exploration program which she had 17 people participate. In connection with the Service Department, we did an overhaul on the filters of the pool. We held the Soccer Awards distribution which many council members assisted in that process. We are currently working on the Summer Concert Series which will begin mid-July and run through mid-August. We are also working on Christmas in July; the Police and Fire Departments are now participating which information on that will be announced soon. Tennis lessons have started, we again appreciate the assistance from the Service Department on the Volleyball nets.

Council President Rounds: Questions for Director Allen? Seeing none from my colleagues, I have just a couple of questions. How do we best advertise sign-ups for T-ball, softball, baseball, soccer? Is that mostly done electronically right now? Director Allen responded that currently they are posting things right on the website, Facebook, and the digital signs. For baseball we sent an e-mail to everybody that was signed up the previous year. Since I've been the Director, we haven't done soccer sign-ups but we will be sending that out this week to previous players that we have an e-mail address for. If you have any suggestions, happy to try another option. Council President Rounds responded that the reason I'm bringing this up is because friends of mine live on Greenleaf, her daughter I noticed is playing for Parma because she got something in the mail from them. The mom assumed it was Parma Heights and she just registered without realizing. Council President then stated that at the last meeting he gave kudos to the Senior Center Director for the work that they are doing but I would like to extend that to you and your department as well. I am now becoming more aware of what's going on. I was asked to sponsor a T-Ball team and then I went to one of their games last Wednesday, helps you to appreciate the volunteerism that's going on. The patience of the coaches, and working with those little kids, it was really an enjoyable evening. Thank you again to the department for all those things that I was probably taking for granted that take place and happen and now I'm more aware of all the work that goes into an event like that. Director Allen added that it does take a whole lot of patience to work with all the children that sign up and that all of the folks that work to put that together are volunteers.

Council President Rounds: Director Heffernan.....

Safety Director Heffernan: The K-9 Officer has begun the official training program today. The new Fire Departments Rescue Squad is equipped and in service. The police have a total of 7 vehicles in service. The Civil Service Commission certified police and fire eligibility list. Both had 32 applicants, all of the applicants are local. They are in the process of vetting them and we will go from there.

Council President Rounds: Any questions for Director Heffernan? Seeing none, thank you sir. Director Sepik.....

Service Director Sepik: Terrace Construction has started the water main replacement on Laylor, Queens Highway and Notabene. The Service Department has completed planting every tree Joe Sebes was awarded this year. Our guys are also working on full depth repair on some spots of W. Ridgewood we're not doing the entire road, but we are doing a full depth repair of the bad spots not just a patch job. That's on Ridgewood Road, from York Road all the way up to Ames.

Council President Rounds: Any questions for Director Sepik? Seeing none. Thank you. Director Iaconis....

Finance Director Iaconis: The 2022 Tax Budget is a housekeeping matter. Wichert Insurance is preparing our insurance package for our liability insurance. Still ongoing negotiations with the police and fire service, and Police Captains and Sergeants we are about half way through.

Council President Rounds: Questions for Director Iaconis? Seeing none, Mayor Gallo.....

Mayor Gallo: I would like to perform 5 appointments to the City's Recreation Commission. Vance Novak to the unexpired term ending 12/31/2022.

Council President Rounds asked council if they are in concurrence with that recommendation. Seeing no objection, we are in concurrence.

Law Director Schneider stated that each nominee needs to have council to state "absent of objection, you have our advice and consent".

Council President stated, absent of objection, you have our advice and consent.

Mayor Gallo: The next appointment is Kelly Price for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2023.

Council President stated, absent of objection, you have our advice and consent.

Mayor Gallo: The next appointment is Allison McCall for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2024.

Council President stated, absent of objection, you have our advice and consent.

Mayor Gallo: The next appointment is Richard Mazzola for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2025.

Council President stated, absent of objection, you have our advice and consent.

Mayor Gallo: The next appointment is Lisa Maruschak for the term ending 12/31/2023 on the eve of the next organizational meeting of council.

Council President stated, absent of objection, you have our advice and consent.

Mayor Gallo: Since Ms. McCall and Councilwoman Maruschak is here would you like to come upfront and I would like to swear you both in.

Ms. McCall took the oath and appointed to the City's Recreation Commission.

Councilwoman Lisa Maruschak took the oath and was appointed to the City's Recreation Commission.

Mayor Gallo: I want to thank these volunteers for their time and work on the Recreation Commission. The Senior Center's staff served and delivered 1,110 meals in the past two weeks. They delivered the Farmers Market coupons today. In addition to providing transportation to the Farmers Market, they now have markets that will come to the Senior Center. They have provided trips that included tickets to a Huff-N-Puffers Softball game, and lunch at Tony Maloney's afterwards as well as other restaurant trips. We are currently being considered for \$1.1 million dollars of ARPA funding which is earmarked for the Nathan Hale Retention Basin. County Councilman Tuma has introduced legislation to give Parma Heights these funds, right now he is considering us for those funds that will help considering the cost increases. I will keep council up to date on the status of the funding.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for the mayor? He then brought up something to be considered. Recently two friends asked if there are electric car charging stations in the City of Parma Heights? I think it would be a good and smart idea if Mr. Sebes could look for some grant funding to see if we could add a couple charging stations. It might be a good time for the city to look into purchasing electric vehicles, but that might be a discussion for another time.

Mayor Gallo stated that the grant funding is out there and there are several different types to consider. She comes from a city that had one electric car, so she will have Mr. Sebes look into that further.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: None at this time.

LEGISLATION

2022 – 20: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Durichko 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 AMENDING SECTION 678.01 ENTITLED “DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND REMOVAL OF LITTER REQUIRED” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES.**

Council President Rounds: Thank you this is the third reading.

Councilwoman Durichko moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza for passage.

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

Nay: None

Ordinance Passes

2022 – 21: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Nay: Stavole

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 965.11 ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Council President Rounds: This is the third reading.

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

Aye: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Rounds

Nay: Walsh, Stavole

Ordinance Passes

2022 – 22: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, AS MAY BE AMENDED BY THE STATE OF OHIO FROM TIME TO TIME.**

Council President Rounds: This is the second reading.

2022 – 13 RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2023, DIRECTING THAT THE SAME BE SUBMITTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICE OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

Council President Rounds: Any questions?

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilman Stavole for passage.

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

Resolution Passes

2022 – 23 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.10 ENTITLED “ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE; ANIMAL OWNER LIABLE FOR DAMAGE TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Council President Rounds: This is the first reading.

2022 – 24 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.15 ENTITLED “ANIMALS IN CITY PLAYGROUNDS AND CERTAIN OTHER PARK AREAS” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Council President Rounds: This is the first reading for this item.

2022 – 25 ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.21 ENTITLED “HUNTING, POISONING AND TRAPPING PROHIBITED” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES.**

Council President Rounds: This is the first reading for this item.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION OF AN APPLICANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to move into Executive Session.

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

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session back to full council at 8:58 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: Moving right into our public comment portion of the meeting, if you have a comment, please stand, state your name and address and please direct all comments to me and you have 3 minutes to speak.

Mr. Marecki: Stanley Marecki, 6320 Big Creek Parkway. I want to personally thank each of you that stayed on the deer culling issue. It is a problem. I know you are going to do it the right way and I know it's going to be done seamlessly. The reason I stayed is just to thank you.

Council President was joined by his colleagues and thanked Mr. Marecki for staying.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council