



## City of Parma Heights Council Minutes May 8, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Marie Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Finance Director Iaconis, Director of Service Sepik, Safety Director Heffernan, Recreation Director Bacci.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:01 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance was spoken*

### COUNCIL MINUTES

April 24, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Work Session Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Work Session Minutes

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

*Minutes Approved*

April 24, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

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

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

*Minutes Approved*

### REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President Rounds asked Recreation Director Bacci to begin....

Recreation Director Bacci: We just had our Earth Day in the Commons event; we had just about 400 people show up even though the weather was not as nice as we had hoped. I'd like to thank the other departments; Service, Safety, Economic Development, Senior Services, everyone has been very supportive. I'd like to thank the pools staff, all the kids for coming out and spending the day with us. We had two shifts and received feedback from outside organizations and residents that they were very helpful throughout the day. Yoga started on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The first Saturday of every month, May through September, we will provide free Yoga in the Commons 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., residents and non-residents

are welcome. Our next line dance will be held Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Cassidy Theatre. iNaturalist hikes will be held May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. beginning behind Cassidy Theatre in Greenbrier Commons. A presentation from the Solid Waste District, their recycle right program will be at Cassidy Theatre on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Parma Heights pool will be opening Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> just in time for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday we will be open 12:00 – 8:30; Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Monday 12:00 – 8:30 p.m. with the pool season starting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. June 24<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our cardboard boat races, if you're interested, please be sure to register for that. To address Councilwoman DeSouza's question at the last meeting regarding the swings. I am meeting with Snider Recreation from North Royalton this Thursday to do a clean sweep of all the playground equipment.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Bacci? Councilwoman Durichko....

Councilwoman Durichko commented that she hesitated to attend the Yoga class with Jessica, she decided to go on Saturday and it was wonderful. She gave a great beginner class and when done, I sure felt it.

Council President Rounds: Councilwoman DeSouza....

Councilwoman DeSouza added that she received a message from a resident who was unable to attend this evening Mr. Rock. He wants to thank you for the port-a-potties, but can we find a way to secure them some way because they have been knocked over a couple of times?

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Bacci? I wanted to thank Councilwomen Durichko and DeSouza for joining him at the Earth Day event and we passed out all the City Council frisbees. Thank you very much. Safety Director Heffernan.....

Safety Director Heffernan: The Parma Heights Fire Department have taken possession of the new firetruck it still needs to be equipped with the radios and outfitted with the equipment by the Service Department and we'll probably have it back within the next few weeks. The Police Department has scheduled the promotional test for August. This past week the Police Department executed a search warrant, locating about \$75,000 worth of stolen property, investigation is ongoing.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Heffernan? Seeing none. Director Sepik...

Service Director Sepik: Thank you Council President. The next bulk collection will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Garbage collection will be delayed 1 day, Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> because of Memorial Day. We're going to have Household Hazardous waste event on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Service Garge from 9:00 to noon. We have begun the repairs on West Ridgewood and moving very quickly. 2023 Orchard Boulevard and rejuvenation of the 2022 streets is expected to go out to bid on May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. Nathan Hale is going to be getting their earth work removal on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Through the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Independence Bridge over Brandywine Creek will begin May 22<sup>nd</sup>, that will call for about 90 days and should re-open just before school starts. On 130<sup>th</sup> Street two new utility connections and two new water connections on Pearl and 130<sup>th</sup> beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be spending 4 to 6 weeks over there.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Councilman Stavole....

Councilman Stavole asked when they do that road closure for the new utility connections will it be completely closed or will it go to a single lane traffic situation?

Director Sepik responded that the street will be open, it will have lane closures. It's for a car wash that's going in Middleburg Heights, they had to make the connections that go across the length of the street.

Council President Rounds. Thank you, Director Sepik. Finance Director Iaconis...

Finance Director Iaconis: Because of the search warrant executed last week, we had to delay the negotiations meeting with the FOP but it has been rescheduled for this Wednesday. On the next Council Meeting Agenda, we should have the Service Departments contract for council to see. Nathan Hale project has started, we are going to be invoiced on a monthly basis so that I can in turn submit reimbursement so that it doesn't affect the cash flow for the city.

Council President Rounds: Thank you Director. Any questions or comments for Director Iaconis? Seeing none. Nice to see you, Director Schneider. Mayor Gallo....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you. The Senior Center delivered and served 1,331 meals over the last two weeks. The Senior Center had a table at the Earth Day and the volunteers were helping people make cards, playing bug, tick-tack-toe with the children and giving bug tattoos to the kids. They had such a great time they are going to be participating in the cardboard boat races as well. That will be a blast. The seniors are taking a bus to the Memorial Day service in addition to allowing our Service Department to use the other senior van for transportation to and from the church and the cemetery. I mentioned at the last council meeting that we will be doing a survey of residents regarding bulk trash pick-up. I wanted to put it in the next newsletter, but we aren't going to have clarification in time for that, so that will probably be in the fall newsletter. We want clarification on the number of items that can be put out and the legality issues as well because they would like to change the contract. We have a three contract with Republic that expires next year with a two-year renewal option. I was unable to attend the Earth Day event, I want to thank Council President Rounds for starting off the Holy Name 5K on my behalf and as I told the Recreation Director, only great feedback. Our next big event is Christmas in July so we are looking forward to that. The city-wide garage sale dates are set for July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> which is a Friday and Saturday. Memorial Day Ceremony on the front lawn of the Presbyterian Church is Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. after the ceremony we head over to the cemetery for speeches there as well. As I've mentioned the NEO Soccer facility is completely down, the land has been graded and seeded as we await plans for the new library that is slated to go back in that area. We are being considered for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$150,000 which will go towards an ambulance coming to the city. We are waiting for the results of that and as soon as I know more, I'll let City Council know. Thank you, Mr. President.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further comments or questions for the mayor? Seeing none. Thank you, Mayor Gallo.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: Planning Commission update being provided by Councilman Haase.

Councilman Haase stated that the Planning Commission met last Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and approved some site improvements to the parking lot at Greenbrier Healthcare Center at 6455 Pearl Road which is at the corner of Rochelle Boulevard. They knocked down one of two buildings that were part of the original complex. It was originally a hotel going back to the 1950's, and then it became Aristocrat South Nursing facility and now it is Greenbrier. Their intention is to improve that parking lot and add greenspace as well. Unfortunately, the owners of the property did not attend the meeting and we don't have a start date because of that. Planning Commission has given it's blessing so that they can begin.

## PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: If you would like to make a public comment, please stand, state your name and address and please direct all comments to me, it's not a discussion it's just an opportunity for you to share or speak, you are given 3 minutes to speak.

Vitaliy Melnychuk, 9168 Stoney Creek Lane. As I've said before you have a hard job to decide. If we go by Councilwoman DeSouza's way of doing it by size, which you show us in the Power Point, 5ft trucks. Every Jeep, every Prius will be outlawed here. If we go by 19 ft, there were heights on the bottom there, are many there. If you go by feet, it's really complicated, if you go by size or F250, F350 if you go F450, F550 is exactly same truck just a little beefed-up suspension, few hundred lbs. extra. I bet I could find you a 5500 single cab lighter than F250, so lbs. also don't work. What I'm trying to say, it's going to be unfair if you go by class which I understand your views on class 6, 7, 8. I'm just trying to educate you legally, its going to be difficult for someone Class 5 outlawed but his truck is lighter than Class 4 for example. There's a lot of details that have to be considered legally not just Classes. Same truck can carry 26,000-32,000 lbs. and same truck can carry 13,000 lbs. I understand what you are going through, I don't want to give you a hard time, I'm an owner of a 4500 truck you guys made it legal officially 10 years ago so I'm not afraid about it, but I do have a 3500 truck that I just purchased and I'm concerned about.

Michael Prall, 6198 Denison Boulevard. I just have a suggestion. I have my truck out here in the parking lot, it's a 1 ton, you guys are welcome to take a look at it when we're done here.

Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road. Council President Rounds, I'm not directing this to Councilwoman Durichko but I think she summed it up well. Regardless, you have people that are not represented, you are really trying to find that middle ground and I think you said it best "it's your job" I think I said that last time to legislate this and I keep hearing about I want to see the complaints, I want to see how many people are complaining. First of all as a resident I have a right to be protected and I think to maintain you're neighbors and your community you don't want to have to call on your neighbors. You don't want to call the police for something like that when there are more important things that are going on. Also, I wanted to speak to Councilman Stavole's question where he wants to see, he is more than welcome to come to Revere Road and he can see it's not just esthetics and thank you guys, but it's also safety issues that truck that is parked on our street, it takes a lot of maneuvering around it and we are right down the street from Valley Forge, it's always parked on the street and when it is in the driveway, it rolls over the neighbors grass. I think they have a right to be anonymous. I encourage you to come to Revere and look.

Carmen Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road. The issue of having an attached garage which I do on Revere. We spent a lot of money on my backyard, hot tub, pool, everything. We had an issue with our neighbor thank God he moved to Florida. He did side jobs and he always had box trucks back there doing his graphics. I don't care where you park it, I have to look out from my pool, hot tub at this gigantic white box truck because you can only have a six-foot fence being worked on. Company over or anything else, there's a gigantic white box truck even though it's an attached garage and it's behind the house, that I have to look at regularly. If you legalize 1ton dumps, people put boxes on their 1ton dumps for chipping, it's a 1ton. I think you have a lot of work on your hands to clarify what you can and cannot do. I think you should go with the height, width, and length more than classifications.

Council President Rounds asked if there was anyone else who would like to make a comment? Seeing none. We will continue on through our agenda and move into legislation.

## LEGISLATION

### **2023 – 26: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE 2023 – 26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS SOFTWARE SERVICES WITH IWORQ SYSTEMS, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

Council President Rounds: This is the second reading for this item but we are under time restraint with contract language.

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

### **2023 – 28: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE 2023 – 28 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE BLOSSOM AVENUE LINING PROJECT, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

Council President Rounds: This is the first reading for this item, because of the time restraint we'd like to move this through this evening.

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

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

Nay: None

*Ordinance Passes*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Can I have a motion for adjournment?

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

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

Nay: None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.**



Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds  
President of Council