



## City of Parma Heights Council Minutes May 22, 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 7:00 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance was spoken*

### COUNCIL MINUTES

May 8, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Work Session Minutes

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

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

Nay: None

*Minutes Approved*

May 8, 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 planted our first round of plants in honor of Mayor's Monarch Day, April 29<sup>th</sup> including 7 new species that we did not have. Everyone of them have pollinator benefits as well as ecological benefits. We've been doing Lifeguard training, completed our first round with 25 guards certified and 6 LGI certified. LGI are Lifeguard instructors. 3 of them are staying in Parma Heights, the others are benefiting other surrounding cities. Soccer is wrapping up for the 2022- 2023 season. We'll start registering for the next season in June. Both Soccer and T-ball are up at the Reservoir right now and they are very accommodating and flexible with one another. We have 80 Munchkins and 80 T-batters that

all play together. We shut down baseball registrations with 272 players this season. Thank you to council, businesses and residents each team has a sponsor this year. Upcoming events on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Karen Miller from Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, will be here to present a recycle right program at Cassidy Theatre at 6:30 p.m. The Parma Heights pool will be opening Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. That weekend, we will do a soft opening and then we will open for the season on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Yoga in the Park series on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m., free yoga in Greenbriar Commons lead by Jessica Reddick. Dive-in movies starting Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> we will be playing Moana. Residents pay \$3.00, non-residents \$5.00, 3 years and under are free. This is not a swim and watch movie; it's stay stationary in the pool during the movie.

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

Councilwoman Maruschak asked if there will be another dive in movie later in the season?

Director Bacci explained that there will be three of them this season, one in June, one in July and the last one in August.

Council President Rounds: Anyone else, seeing none, thank you again Director Bacci. Safety Director Heffernan.....

Safety Director Heffernan: The Parma Heights Fire Department had a rescue that they responded to on York Road, resident was treated and is doing well. As the mayor mentioned earlier, it's that time of year that camp fires, burns are started. The fire department is looking at updating and switching over the code from 1978 Building and Housing Official builders and switching to the Ohio Fire Code, we're in the process of working with Law to update everything. On the police side, Officer Noel has completed his training program and he's now a fully sworn member of the Parma Heights Police Department and members of the Citizens Police Academy will graduate Wednesday night.

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 June 21<sup>st</sup>, Computer Round-up will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder for anyone who wants to sign up for Redi Notify, it's a mass notification system, you can receive general and emergency notifications. You can sign up on the website. The repairs on West Ridgewood and moving further towards Denison so in about a week we will be closing Denison completely down for about 1 week. Orchard Boulevard and rejuvenation of the 2022 streets, the bid open on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Ohio Department of Transportation, the Independence Bridge began today over Brandywine Creek, we've had no complaints on the traffic. That's my complete report for this evening.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none, Director Iaconis....

Finance Director Iaconis: As discussed during the Mayor's Caucus earlier, we have the Service Department Contract on for your consideration for one reading. Likely in June we should have the full tentative agreement with the FOP they are just going over some language before they'll vote on it. Also, in June I would like to put the tax budget on for the second meeting in June due to the council break in July and August because it is due to the County by end of July. I will also have an amended appropriations ordinance with any changes that needed to be updated at this point in the year. We started working on the 2022 Audit just this past week and a half or so. We will now be on a normal schedule for the audits.

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

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Mr. President. The Senior Center delivered and served 1,337 meals over the last two weeks. They are partnering with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging to participate in the Great Grocery Giveaway on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be distributing 250 to 300 boxes in a drive-thru method at Kurtz Park for people 60 years of age or older. We did this at Tri-C about a month ago and it was very successful. We have committed to distributing the senior's Farmers Market coupons again this summer. We anticipate receiving them at the end of this month, early June. It's about \$12,500 worth of coupons, each senior receives 10 - \$5.00 coupons to be used towards fruit, vegetables, and other staples. The Parma Heights Senior Center will be providing transportation to the Farmers Markets in July and August. We were successful in receiving \$49,000 through the Community Development Supplemental Grant through Cuyahoga County which will be used for lobby upgrades at the Cassidy Theatre which are long overdue. Last year we received \$100,000 of ARPA money from the County and \$52,000 through NOPEC Grant which will go towards the Cassidy Theatre Air Conditioning unit. Before you is the Service Contract for consideration, the FOP contract will be before you at the next council meeting and that wraps up our negotiations. I thank Directors Iaconis, Sepik, Heffernan, the Chiefs and our negotiator for assisting us with getting these contracts completed. Our Memorial Day Ceremony on the front lawn of Parma South 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. The Nathan Hale project is moving along. Please remember the park is closed. Since residents are not adhering to the signage a fence will be installed around the perimeter to make it clear this is a safety precaution and we are taking it seriously. Our new engine also referred to as a pumper has arrived for the Fire Department. The pool opens Memorial Day, a week from today. I want to extend credit and gratitude to Maddi and Melissa; our pool is fully staffed. It's a true testament to our staff. I'm not going to let Councilwoman Maruschak get away without being congratulated for completing and graduating from our Citizens Police Academy this Wednesday. Third member of council to complete this class and thank you for taking interest and participating in what our police department does. That completes my report.

Council President Rounds added that Councilwoman Maruschak has also graduated from Cleveland State with a Bachelors in Science Degree in Education. Thank you, mayor and all directors.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: We have none at this time.

## 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. Remember it's not a conversation but sharing your comments and opinions with us.

Jim Wohl, 11338 Blossom Avenue. I wanted to speak about the honey bees that are next to my yard (80,000 bees and hives), I want to just let everybody know that I have not had a problem with one bee. I brought some information for council about bees. This is for Kathy Walsh and she knows about the bees and I have not had a problem with those bees.

Vitaliy Melnychuk, 9168 Stoney Creek Lane. Stating some statistics; F350 Ford, 5 passenger, long bed is more than 20 feet. Chevy 3500, 5 passenger, long bed is more than 20 feet, so is RAM also known as

Dodge. If you're going to class 3, maybe banning 5/6 but now we're talking about F350, 3500's and Chevy and Fords so now again you're banning class 3 trucks. About the number of vehicles in driveways, I have four kids, wife, me, niece so eventually all of us will be driving. I'm not going to tell them what to drive, they can have pick up truck, commercial plates SUV. You can't tell how many vehicles belong in a driveway as long as the drive can handle that, I would think as long as it's not in the street or blocking the sidewalk. So many cars are currently blocking the sidewalks now. You're going to have a lot of problems with those people. Blame the city 50 years ago. I believe you guys are going overboard with all these regulations length, height and I understand banning commercial CDL vehicles, but you're going after small trucks now, 3500's, 4500's passenger trucks with long beds.

Michael Prall, 6198 Denison Boulevard. I just want to get back to the duelly, my trucks a duelly. You guys need to take that out of there, plus I want to put River Rock down for my trailers, since my trailers have been on rock for 20 plus years already, I don't see why I can't do that. There's nothing wrong with it. I use the analogy of you guys patching the streets, concrete is expensive. I don't have the money for the concrete. I don't get grant money. That's all I have to say.

Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road. I just want to thank everybody who's worked hard. I know it's been a lot and I feel that most of council worked hard to represent the residents and the vehicle owners that would be affected. Thank you for that. A comment was made about not wanting to be the council person who banned pink houses. I think that's a horrible analogy, we're not just talking about esthetics, we're talking about safety issues. I showed council at the last meeting the truck that would cause an issue and that is not a semi or any of these big trucks that everybody is saying that we could just generally talk about. I want to thank you guys for that. I also want to follow up on the comment that Parma Heights being a follower. I live in the city. I'm not happy that I have a high-income tax of course, even if there is an increase to have services and my safety. I don't feel that we are a follower, I think we are leaders. I think true leaders stay and work together and not just put their foot down when it becomes hard. Thank you.

Michelle Weaver, 6198 Denison. I just wanted to add to the comment about the River Rock, you mention that because it's in recreation and could just move it over. I think there is a difference between recreation and what somebody uses as their vehicle for their livelihood. Someone who is using a trailer to make their living vs. someone who is using a trailer for camping. I think you need to take that into consideration when somebody's putting a trailer that they use on River Rock that looks very nice, cost-effective vs the thousands of dollars for cement.

Chase Conklin, Beachwood resident. I'm the Field Director for Congressman Max Miller. I wanted to introduce myself to everyone here, constituents, council, directors. If you need anything from the Congressman or myself, I have business cards here and I have some hand outs and we plan on doing some satellite business hours. Our next one is going to be at the Solon Library if anybody would help getting the word out if I could leave these.

Lisa Manzetti, 6997 Tobik Trail. I would like to know if we have a nuisance order in this city? I am asking because I've been a resident for 32 years, we have a lot of duplexes behind where we live. I want to know what my course of action could be for disturbances on a constant basis? I don't know who my Ward person is, but I would like to get in contact.

Council President Rounds indicated that it is him and that he would like to get together after the meeting. Thank you.

Jack Prall, 10914 Barrington Boulevard. The way I read section c is if a contractor doesn't live in Parma Heights but is doing work for a customer that does and they had a vehicle that is larger than the requirements, he wouldn't be able to park in the drive. That's the way I read this.

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 – 29: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 29**

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTHY URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, 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: A timely grant application deadline is why we are suspending the rules.

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

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

*Resolution Passes*

### **2023 – 30: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilman Stavole to read the following resolution by title only.

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 30**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES OF THE BLOSSOM AND SUTHERLAND AVENUES SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE CONTRACTS AND OTHER**

**DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to suspend the rules.

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

Council President Rounds: This item was discussed during the Mayor's Caucus and a timely manner of updating this resolution.

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

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

*Resolution Passes*

**2023 – 31: 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: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 31**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 860, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to suspend the rules.

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

Council President Rounds: This ordinance is the collective bargaining agreement with our service department.

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

**2023 – 32: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 32**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1301 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO, AS MAY BE AMENDED BY THE STATE OF OHIO FROM TIME TO TIME**

Council President Rounds: This is the first reading of three for this item and was discussed during the Mayor's Caucus as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**



Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds  
President of Council