



City of Parma Heights Council Minutes June 12, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: 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 22, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Work Session Minutes

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Rounds
Nay: None

Minutes Approved

May 22, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, Rounds
Nay: None

Minutes Approved

June 2, 2023 Parma Heights Special City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Durichko to approve the Special City Council Minutes

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds
Nay: None

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Recreation Director Bacci: On June 2nd we opened the pool for the regular season. We averaged about 550 people on that day. We are keeping Facebook up-to-date with pool closing dates as well the website link that goes directly to recreation, so if you're curious about closings these locations should be the first place to check. Last night we had our soccer awards ceremony, thank you to Council President Rounds and Councilwomen Maruschak, DeSouza and Durichko for coming to support the kids. Our boys U13 and U15 as well as our girls U13 and U15 came in first place in their league, and our U13 age group has been undefeated since last fall. We have cardboard boat races on Saturday, June 17th so we have all the supplies this week if you want to come start getting ready for the cardboard boat races. June 17th in the evening will be our first Dive-In movie at 8:30 p.m. We want to thank Director Sepik and the service department for putting brand new deck lighting so that we can be safe and secure. We hired a new Playground Coordinator; her name is Sarina. She will be out and about in the Commons area setting up free activities and crafts twice a week for people who are visiting the pool or just hanging out at the playground. Next week she's going to do a nature scavenger hunt, she'll also be doing a craft that goes with the movie night vibe for the kids to wear to the movie. That concludes what we have going on in the Recreation Department.

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

Councilwoman Maruschak added that she thinks everything is wonderful. I've been up at the pool and a young man greeted me, and said "Hi, have you been here before?" and asked if he could tell me a few things about the pool? I of course said sure and I felt that he was very welcoming. Today the swim teams were cancelled, I received a personal phone call, and it's really nice to have that, I think it's a great touch.

Council President Rounds: Anyone else, seeing none, Director Bacci, help me understand on June 17th. They're constructing cardboard box/boats from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the race is at what time?

Director Bacci responded that the race won't be until the end of June. They have time, they can test them and there will be staff there to help build it.

Council President asked Safety Director Heffernan to give his report.....

Safety Director Heffernan: The end of the year police report has been created and you all should have it soon; at first glance the crime numbers look to be down. That's all I have this evening.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you Council President. The crews are currently working on the concrete on Ridgewood, a full deck replacement on the bad sections. We are also going through the Dennison/Ridgewood area now, please use caution when driving through that area. The asphalt crew will be ending this week or early next week. Street sweeper will be out next week. We'll start trimming trees and removing some of the dead trees. Once the asphalt is down, we'll begin painting some of the streets and the crosswalks.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked about trimming the trees, is that tree lawn trees? There are a lot of trees that are hanging over the sidewalk, if they are on the resident's property on the house side of the sidewalk, we don't trim them is that correct? You will notify the homeowners first?

Director Sepik responded yes, that's correct. We can notify the homeowners, we can clear that space if we have to, it becomes a nuisance to walkers on the sidewalk. If the homeowner doesn't comply then we'll take care of it.

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 FOP bargaining agreement prepared and on the agenda for your consideration this evening. I would appreciate it if it were to pass, to do so with one reading. At the next meeting, which will be before recess I will have our 2024 Tax budget to present for one reading, that's a housekeeping item. I also have amendments to this year's appropriations taking into consideration of the different projects we have going on, just making some minor adjustments. That's all I have.

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

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.

Sue Randall Alexander, 6612 Rochelle Boulevard. It's come to our attention that the cost of home repairs is astronomical. For our Senior Citizens that live in our community we wonder if there is any funding to assist them in fixing things, housing values will go down if those homes are not kept in good repair. If we're going to do this on a tax basis, 5 years from now when those homes go down in value, we won't be able to collect as many taxes on them. Are there programs available for senior housing repairs, do we have a list of people that do repairs, if we do how do seniors find out where that is? If not, why not? What can we do to put one together. Thank you.

Council President Rounds added to Director Heffernan, Ms. Randall and I spoke prior to the meeting and she was praising the Citizens Police Academy and how beneficial it was to her and the learning that takes place, encouraging all of council to attend that as well as residents in the future. Any other comments?

Vitaliy Melnychuk, 9168 Stoney Creek Lane. Just want to again to notify you that my truck is 22 feet. Nothing I can do about it. I also have an issue with many clients that they complain that somebody gets the deposit, starts the job and then disappears. I know all cities require registering with the city, show proof of insurance and other stuff. How does the city protect those people? If city provides permits to those contractors, I think the city should help those citizens to get the company to come back to complete the work or repay the deposit or something. As a business owner myself, I feel that it's unfair for a lot of residents.

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 – 32: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, 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 second reading of three for this item.

2023 – 33: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Rounds
Nay: Stavole, Walsh

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 33**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.13 ENTITLED “PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

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

2023 – 34: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 34**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE THROUGH GOVPLANET/IRONPLANET

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

2023 – 35: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Rounds
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 35**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. [PATROLMEN], AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, Rounds
Nay: None

Council President Rounds: Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds
Nay: None

Ordinance Passes

ADJOURNMENT

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

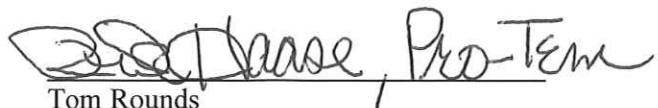
Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Rounds
Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council