



City of Parma Heights Council Minutes June 26, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor 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 Pro-Tem Haase at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

President Pro-Tem Haase asked for a motion to excuse Council President Rounds from tonight's meeting. Moved by Councilman Stavole; Seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Motion Carried

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 12, 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: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase
Nay: None

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

President Pro-Tem Haase asked Recreation Director Bacci to begin....

Recreation Director Bacci: To date our pool has welcomed 4,321 patrons since opening on June 2nd. We've had 159 participants in swim lessons and we've doubled the number of swimmers on our Parma Heights swim team. If you see Melissa, please congratulate her on some really good opening numbers in the month of June. Going forward we will continue to have Yoga in the Park through September. It's the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. and they'll be meeting at the Parma Heights Pool Gate House. We received a ton of positive feedback from the program, we will look at expanding it next year as long as we continue seeing growth in the program. We started an Art in the Park a few times a week. Sarina will be out doing free crafts and games for patrons or kids that need a break from the pool or just taken out of the playground area. This week she will be out on the 29th and 30th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. She plans on doing a miniature scavenger hunt and clay animals. We'll continue with our Dive-In Movies over the summer. We had 150 patrons attend our first movie, Moana, the next two will be July 22nd

which is Polar Express and that will go along with Christmas in July and then on August 12th will be Cars. Movie will start around 8:30 p.m. or when it's dark enough. Summer Concert Series coming up starting July 16th – August 6th, every Sunday starting at 6:30 p.m. we'll have a different musical group out front in the gazebo. Our Christmas in July celebration will be 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Greenbrier Commons. It will be the Recreation Department and other community partners including our own City Council passing out snow cones, we'll have a DJ there who will be hosting a Hawaiian shirt contest and we will crown our winner that day. Thanks to the mayor and the Law Department, the first week in September once we have the pool closed down, we are going to have a dog swim and so we will have this first one being 18 and over event and it will be one dog per human, again this is just the dog swimming in the pool, there will be no human and dogs swimming together. Keep your eye out on our social media pages for more detail.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Bacci? Councilwoman DeSouza....

Councilwoman DeSouza added that she heard from a resident regarding the Dive-In Movie night, the snacks were hysterical and everything was great. Her kids were focusing on the snacks.

Director Bacci responded that the staff at the pool came up with that all by themselves. Prepared a shopping list and did that on their own.

President Pro-Tem Haase asked Safety Director Heffernan to give his report.....

Safety Director Heffernan: The end of the year police report has been distributed to all council members please let me know if there are any questions or any follow-ups get a hold of me and we'll get you the information you request.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Director Heffernan? Seeing none. Director Sepik...

Service Director Sepik: Thank you Council President Pro-Tem. Our next Bulk Collection is July 19th, we are going to be delayed one day this upcoming week, July 6th for the rubbish collection and yard waste due to the holiday. Household Hazardous Waste collection will be on July 22nd at the Service Garage from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Our 2023 Street Rejuvenation project will hopefully begin around August 13th and be completed by October 23th and Nathan Hale has about 3 weeks of earth work still remaining. Thank the Mayor for reaching out to Parma and getting permission for using Sesquicentennial Park Road. I have less than 3 complaints right now, but if she hadn't done that the complaints would have been overwhelming. It cut down on the dust and noise pollution, kudo's goes out to the mayor for that.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Councilwoman Durichko...

Councilwoman Durichko asked to mirror what you are saying because at our Ward 3 meeting not the last one, but the one before that there were a lot of concerns around that. So having that make-shift, temporary road was a great idea.

President Pro-Tem Haase turned to Director Iaconis....

Finance Director Iaconis: To go along with the Nathan Hale discussion, payments have been submitted to NEORS for reimbursements, we are waiting on that and it will be applied to our MCIP grant which was

put in place several years ago. During the recess I will be working on our insurance applications for liability insurance to have to present to council and overall housekeeping measures.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Thank you Director. Any questions or comments for Director Iaconis? Seeing none. Mayor.....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you Mr. President Pro-Tem. This Wednesday, June 28th is the Great Grocery Giveaway at Kurtz Park, beginning at 2:00 p.m. I would like to thank our Senior Center for coordinating this event that the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. During Caucus, Mr. Sebes came in, I appreciate Councils consideration of the Ohio Department of Development Grants to demolish the current library building. Seeing that we need upwards of \$1.6 to \$2 million in improvements. Hopefully we'll get the funding. We are heading into summer recess for July and August, the city doesn't stop it's 24/7 so it's more than likely we may have a special meeting or two but we'll make sure to let council know so we can make sure to have that arranged and hopefully we can have everyone attend. That's all I have this evening Mr. President.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Pro-Tem Haase: Karpaty Deli LLC dba Ukrainian Village Food & Deli, 6492 – 6500 York Road, Parma Hts., Oh 44130. I also have a recommendation from Police Chief Scharschmidt to approve the liquor permit. Does anyone on council have any objections to approving that permit? Seeing none. City Council officially has no objections with approving this request.

PUBLIC SESSION

President Pro-Tem Haase: For those wishing to speak, please limit your comments to 3 minutes. State your name and address and please direct your comments to me please.

Michael Prall, 6198 Denison Boulevard. Like to talk about the stone again. As I drive around the neighborhoods, people have cars, vehicles, trucks, trailers on stone and I'm saying until these people get concrete, until then I'm not doing it. I don't agree with the measurements being put on these trucks, everyone of you guys voted yes and don't have a clue to what you are talking about when it comes to measurements on trucks. We've been over this a million times about these trucks. If I get another 1 ton, 5 or 6 years down the road it could be a different measurement, then what do you do? You guys talk about you don't want to hurt anybody; what do you think you're doing? You are throwing people under the bus with these measurements. There are campers in people's driveways that are bigger than these trucks. I mean, think about it.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Thank you, anyone else?

Vitaliy Melnychuk, 9168 Stoney Creek Lane. I would also like to speak about measurements. My truck is 22 feet. Like I told you before F250 can be 22 feet just about 20 feet in measurements. A 2 passenger F250 will be legal, F250 5 passenger will not be legal, which I don't feel is fair. Also, you claim you are after Semi-truck and Box-trucks but now stricter on pick up trucks and parking. I feel like the complaining couple that used to be here somehow is connected to the city or maybe have become part of the city employees. Makes this plan a manufactured scheme against hard working citizens. If I can see this, imagine what lawyer and private detectives can find out after citizens hire them? I'm not planning to sue anybody in the city but you will give me no choice or many, many people who have bank accounts. I know because it's sticking out, I expect retaliation and will be targeted by city or police department but I choose to watch how my city turns against their own people. I will fight back because I have a list of many violations in the

city and some are even on city employee's properties. I know that it's your goal to make citizens go against citizens and notify you about violations but are you ready to find hundreds of citizens and make your neighbors friends and you cannot only target me because it would be discrimination. You will need to make all violators to comply. Ironically, couple that used to be here, the thing about box truck which is parked more than a mile away they claim it devalues their property and not safe for neighborhood. Same identical truck in size and shape in red color, city ambulance ran over and killed old lady a week ago. Most of you call this karma some people call this force; I call this curse over city for destroying people's livelihood and not one of you spoke about that incident today. Please stop this nonsense. Go back to your 8 – 5, 365 days stable, secure jobs. Listen to the people and work for the people. God Bless America.

Councilwoman Walsh clapped at the end of his statement.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Thank you sir. Anyone else. Yes sir...

Daniel Sivko, 10628 Lawndale Drive, Parma Heights. President Pro-Tem, Councilmembers, I'm a third generation, 73-year resident of Parma Heights. I've parked my boat in the front of my yard since 1976. 27 years later I received a notice in May of 2003 that I was in violation of building code 351.15. I applied for a variance and was granted the variance for 365 days a year in my front yard. I brought my boat home to clean, October of 2022, last year. The very next day I had a violation posted on my front door that I was in violation of 351.15 from J. West. I called City Hall; I had no response. The next day I was informed that they can't find my variance. Well, we had a fire here in Parma Heights, apparently the records got wet or they couldn't find it. What I did was come to City Hall and I provided the Building Department with a copy of my variance, that was last year. This year, I brought my boat home, 6/7/23 to clean and do some maintenance on it. A week later I got posted on my door again, I'm in violation of 351.15 J. West, again I came down to city hall, gave them a copy of my variance. I want to know why; I'm getting a notice again from J. West when I gave a copy of my variance last year? That's all.

Barb McCullough, 10650 Tiffany Lane, Parma Heights. Mr. President Pro-Tem, Council, Mayor, I am a public servant and if you go online, you can tell exactly what I make so I don't make millions of dollars. I'm a 4th generation Parma Heights resident so I've lived here for 48 years. I love my city, I volunteer within the city, Boy Scouts, Girl Scout, Spirit of American with the County. I also volunteer for the great State of Ohio. I've been doing this for years because I love to give back. When I'm not volunteering, being a mom or working for the county I like to do my own work. I don't have a lot of money and I don't have a money tree in my back yard. When I do my own work I frame, electrical, plumbing, cement work, roofing, and I edge. These are things that I learned to do to be an independent woman. I'm not the only one that does that, I'm not the only in this city that does that. There's a lot of women that want to be independent with power. When I do roof jobs, I need a commercial vehicle in my driveway because I can't just put it in the garbage. When I'm doing a frame job, can't put wood in the garbage can. These jobs that I do, I guess what other people do, do it for a living because they need these vehicles. I need these vehicles to do home maintenance, to take care of my house. If you look at my house, I have one of the nicest houses in the city. I have a nice roof, I have a youthful looking shed, I have a really nice maintained yard, I also have some accommodations. But when I do my own work, I know what I'm getting, I have pride in myself and pride in my work, people see what I can do. I want to stay in my city, but when you guys start taking away things that I need to do this work, and I absolutely need it, where am I going to put rocks, bushes, I can't put them on the curb, they can't be picked up, because I've had a neck injury, I can't pick up anything past 40 lbs. There's no way I'm going to put that in my car and haul this away. I need this. I will borrow a dump truck for two or three weeks because by doing it myself I'm not on a timeframe. I'm not paying a contractor. I don't have to. I like to do it at my leisure, not when it's pouring rain 5 days in a row. I mean

then the dump truck is going to sit there for 2, 3, 4 weeks. My neighbors are the same thing. I help my neighbors out. We need these construction vehicles so I can use them too.

Michelle Weaver, 6198 Denison. I just have a comment about the wording in this. It talks about no person shall stand or park a commercial tractor or commercial trailer. I think the wording needs to be changed if this is how it's going to be, because when you say commercial trailer that excludes a landscaping enclosed trailer and it shouldn't be in there. This is something that these landscapers or these contractors are using so it should not be part that they cannot park these. This wording needs to be changed. I feel that I know that there have been several times that we come here for these council meetings but I think there needs to be more research. You're putting these people out and it's already been to vote and I feel that it really needs to have more thought put into it. More investigation, and obviously all these people that are here, they are fighting for their livelihoods. It's not something we talk about a couple times and take a vote. I think it needs to be rethought. On another note, cars are racing up and down Denison Boulevard and I don't know who we should speak to but it really needs to be addressed and cars are flying, someone is going to get hurt.

President Pro-Tem Haase responded that if I may, as you notice those things happening call the police none emergency number and let them know and they will send somebody out to investigate. Appreciate your comments. Anyone else desiring to make a comment this evening? Seeing none. We will continue to move into legislation portion of the meeting.

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: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza
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 AS AMENDED.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Is there any discussion about amending the legislation? Seeing none.

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to move to accept the amendment #1 dated June 26, 2023.

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

Amendment Passes

President Pro-Tem Haase: Are there any questions? Seeing none.

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to move to suspend the rules.

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

President Pro-Tem Haase asked for a motion for passage. Motioned by Councilwoman DeSouza; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to motion for passage.

President Pro-Tem Haase: Are there any questions either by council or the public? Seeing none.

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

Motion passes as amended.

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

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

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

President Pro-Tem Haase: This is the second 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: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak
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

President Pro-Tem Haase: This is the second reading of three for this item.

2023 – 36: RESOLUTION 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: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 36**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR A DEMOLITION PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND BANK, UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT'S (ODOD) BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REUTILIZATION PROGRAM, AND IF AWARDED, FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) AND EXECUTION OF ANY SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS WITH ODOD'S BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REUTILIZATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

President Pro-Tem Haase: 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: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole
Nay: None

Resolution Passes

2023 – 37: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 37**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) AND THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

President Pro-Tem Haase: Are there any questions? Seeing none.

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

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

Resolution Passes

2023 – 38: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 38**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1303 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF THE OHIO BUILDING CODE, AS MAY BE AMENDED BY THE STATE OF OHIO FROM TIME TO TIME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

President Pro-Tem Haase: Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

2023 – 39: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 39**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2024, DIRECTING THAT THE SAME BE SUBMITTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICE OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

President Pro-Tem Haase: Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

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

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

Resolution Passes

2023 – 40: 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: Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko
Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 40**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF AWARDED, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES FOR SENIORS SIXTY (60) YEARS AND OLDER FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR AND ADULT SERVICES (DSAS), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

President Pro-Tem Haase: Are there any questions? Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes


ADJOURNMENT

President Pro-Tem Haase: Can I have a motion for adjournment?

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council