



City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

The Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, November 13, 2023 was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 23, 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, Rounds
Nay: None

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President Rounds continued with the Directors Reports and began with Director Bacci....

Recreation Director Bacci: On October 28th we held one of our holiday events at the Commons, Creatures in the Commons. We had about 800 people show, I believe Melissa counted 767 so it was a little more than expected. It was about double from last year and some people had to pack up and go home because they ran out of candy. We have two more holiday events coming up, the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony on Monday, November 27th from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Gazebo in Greenbriar Commons. The lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Gallo will give the count down. We have about 237 people interested right now on our Facebook page. The Santa Breakfast will be held December 16th. We went live today, as of 4:30 p.m. we had 65 registrations already, so doubling up on the sittings were a good idea. We do still have seats available if interested. We have Crafts with Parma Heights, Katelyn on December 2nd from 2 to 4:00 p.m. in Greenbriar Commons.

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

Safety Director Heffernan: The deer culling program is up and running, we are about half way to our targeted number. The fire department has been doing some long-term planning for 2024, retirements, new hires, replacement hires.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Heffernan? Councilwoman DeSouza...

Councilwoman DeSouza asked Director Heffernan if we have a number of culls we are allowed?

Safety Director Heffernan responded that he believes the number allowed by the state is 80. There is a provision that you can ask for an extension when that number is met.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked if that's the same as last year?

Safety Director Heffernan responded that last year we were at 96, I believe.

Mayor Gallo added that last year the number was in the low 50's, we were allowed to take up to 95. They almost hit that target; they ran out of corn as bate which why they stopped. This year it's 80 but we're allowed to request up to 120, once we hit that mark.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, Council President. Our weekly yard waste will be picked up through the month of November. November 29th, I believe will be the last yard waste pick up by Republic. Bulk Service will be picked up on November 22nd. We will not be delayed at all due to Thanksgiving. Our curb side leaf collection has finished our first pass, and starting our second pass through the city. We will update our websites as we go along.

Council President Rounds. Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Councilwoman Maruschak....

Councilwoman Maruschak added that the resurfacing and attention to the streets is appreciated, great job! A lot of residents complimented the work; it's been a very seamless process. Kudo's director.

Service Director Sepik said thank you. I appreciate that.

Council President Rounds, Councilwoman DeSouza.....

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that the updates that are coming through on Facebook, Ready Notify about the leaf trucks moving through the city are invaluable. Really nice, thank you for all those continuous updates.

Service Director Sepik thanked Councilwoman DeSouza and added that if we miss a house or street, we are continuously going around, they will have to wait until the next round.

Council President Rounds added that everyone on his corner was out yesterday. 7 houses all pushing their leaves out to the street anticipating the collection. It's a great idea. Any questions or comments? Seeing none. Finance Director Iaconis.....

Finance Director Iaconis: Thank you. I really don't have any additional report, unless you'd like me to go back over the budget again. The one piece of legislation that's on for one reading to create a fund for the traffic camera fund is much appreciated and we'll be working on preparing some additional documents once we have a meeting date to provide during a Finance meeting.

Council President Rounds. Any other questions for Director Iaconis? Seeing none. Thank you. Good to see you, Director Schneider. Mayor Gallo....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you, Mr. President. The theatre renovation should be done by December. That includes new carpeting and paint in the lobby and decking on the outside deck right off of the theatre. Next year we will be looking at renovating the bathrooms. The Senior Center served 902 meals over the past two weeks. The Senior Center was off two days for holidays so it's a little bit lower for the month. The Senior Center did get a grant from the Parma Elks Club on Thursday, October 26th in the amount of \$2,500. This will be used for items related to exercise programs: 28 new chairs, 30 sets of hand weights, and 5 replacement exercise balls. They took a bus load of seniors to vote, a lot of seniors to vote which is a great service. Volley Ball tournament starts on Tuesday, November 14th at 12:15 p.m. and then they will be going to Parma Center on Tuesday, November 21st. Hopefully our seniors take home a trophy this year. Royal Redeemer Church in North Royalton is offering free hot meals and Thanksgiving meals and registration opened today. Contact the senior center, register online or over the phone. If anyone is interested reach out to the senior center and they will be in contact with Royal Redeemer. The bulk collection survey will be up until the end of this month, it will be taken down just before December 1st. It's looking like the residents like the weekly bulk pick up idea. I've been in touch with Republic Waste, we can decide if you want to implement that but in case council wants to know what kind of message to give the residents once this goes into effect, I will have a representative here either January or February. I sent him four council meeting dates, he'll let us know what date works best for him. He will address any questions regarding weekly bulk. Nathan Hale project has gone very well and should open in the spring of next year. The Service Department is painting house addresses on curbs, from Maplewood to York Road should be done by the end of this year, early next year.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any comments or questions for the mayor? Councilman Haase.....

Councilman Haase asked the mayor are you aware if the Senior Center is doing an actual Thanksgiving lunch for seniors and if so when would that date be?

Mayor Gallo responded that she would find out and let council know.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds stated that we have no communications 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 questions or comments to me. You are given 3 minutes to speak. We are taking notes while you are here. Directors are taking notes as well if it applies to them so we can get back to you.

Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. Since your Ward meeting was announced on your Facebook page on the morning of October 11th, I obviously couldn't attend. I'd like to talk about the entrapment on Pearl Road between Greenleaf and Beresford. As you pull out into the school zone, the lights are lit, you

can't tell. Now if you go to Brooklyn and you see their school zone lights, they have a flashing light on the back of the school zone signal. We also have one facing north bound on Pearl Road, there's three lights flashing. Why don't they turn the bottom one around so people can see it. There's an ordinance passed around 5 or 6 years ago about these clothing bins. There is one in front of Burger King or the ex-Burger King, in your ward sir. It hasn't been picked up, flattened, taken care of and it was reported to the Service Department. The Island of Lost Souls, I call that the strip on Pearl Road. What's in our budget for new driveway markers? Is that the best we can do? That's terrible, you drive down there, you have Brooklyn, Brecksville, Berea, Brook Park they have islands as dividers, do we have any plans to plant anything? We did have an orange barrel out there for a while with a light. Since you're getting address's painted, four years ago, the late great Pat Pekarek she complimented council about the fire hydrants that were getting painted, why haven't they been painted in your ward sir. Why is that? We never got our's painted. That's it, thank you.

Council President asked if there were any other comments?

Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere. I just want to thank you for the budget information. As a resident I think everybody should get to hear everything in the budget. I think the suggestion is good, I think it's important for the residents to understand, so thank you for that. I want to congratulate the newly elected council members, some returning. I don't know if any of you are aware but Parma City Schools just did their year forecast? It is encouraged by Sean Nuccio, Treasurer that they look at an operating levy probably sometime in the spring. Please keep that in mind when we're looking for money because that's going to be happening next year. I have started a political action committee called the "Concerned Citizens for Public Education" I would encourage you to join; this is not a political action committee that is against private schools, we are just trying to make sure that the budget that is allotted for our public schools, and the money that is allotted for our public schools goes to our public schools. We're going to have an information session on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. at Normandy High School. We also have a Google Meets link if anybody wants to join that way, I could send you the link. Lastly, I am so appreciative to see that the Recreation Department is now adding more things that involve families. I think for years and for whatever reason that wasn't happening, I love seeing more family things coming back to Parma Heights.

Council President asked if there were any other comments?

Phyllis Alvarez, 6836 Tobik Trail. I'm still new to the community so it will take me a while to figure some things out. I had mentioned before about traffic issues on our street with speeding. I was walking on Independence the other day, and almost got run over by a young kid that had to be going at least 50 mph. I don't know what the answer is to stopping this speeding that goes on, especially on our street. It's deplorable, it has nothing to do with the bridge being closed on Independence, people were shooting around trying to get around the construction. It's a constant, it goes on all the time. What can we do to slow it down, alleviate some of it, I don't know what's in the budget to help accomplish that? I'd like to know why we don't have a microphone system in here when we have these meetings? It's very hard to hear some of the ladies that are soft spoken. I have a plugged ear today, due to sinus issues, so it's very difficult to hear some of you when speaking. I'm just wondering why we don't have a microphone system; you can get them at a toy store or something. It's just very hard to hear. Trash receptacles in this city, do we have them? I walk and there's one on York by the bus stop between Independence and Valley Forge. I have yet to find any more. I see a lot of dog poop. I'm thinking that's why, there isn't anywhere to through your poop bags in. There is so much trash around the city. It's a shame, this is a beautiful city. I don't know what the appropriations are or where that money comes from but I think getting more trash receptacles out there would be a big plus. Thank you for listening.

Council President asked if there were any other comments this evening?

Mayor Gallo added that the fire hydrants, the painting of the hydrants started under the former administration. There was an employee who supervised a crew and they got out there and started painting hydrants in certain areas of the city. Service Director Sepik and I along with the painting of the curbs, we discussed painting the rest of the hydrants throughout the city. We would hope to get that done over the next year or so. It just happened that under the former administration they started, not sure of the reason to where they started and why, we are looking to have those cleaned up.

Phyllis Alvarez, 6836 Tobik Trail. Why are some of the hydrant's different colors? We have one that's the Irish flag up our street. Mine is red. Who decides the colors and who can paint them?

Council President Rounds responded that we are out of time for your comment but that would be a Service Department decision, I would assume. Thank you.

Fred Koch stated that when he was a kid, the Cub Scouts we used to have a contest here to paint the fire hydrants.

Council President Rounds responded thank you. Moving on into legislation this evening.

LEGISLATION

2023 – 65: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 65**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP INC. FOR SAFETY CAMERA SERVICES, EXPEND FUNDS PURSUANT TO THAT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds stated that this is the second reading for this item.

2023 – 67: 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: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 67**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 194 ENTITLED “EARNED INCOME TAX REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is the second reading for this item.

2023 – 72: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilwoman Walsh 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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 72**

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN EASEMENT ON PARMA PROPERTY IN PARMA, OHIO ON STUMPH ROAD FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TRAFFIC DEVICE IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Walsh motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to Suspend the Rules.

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

Council President Rounds asked if are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

2023 – 73: 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: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 73**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WEISMAN, KENNEDY & BERRIS, CO., L.P.A. AND PLEVIN & GALLUCCI COMPANY, L.P.A. FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 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, Rounds

Council President Rounds asked if are there any questions or comments on this ordinance? 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, Rounds

Ordinance Passes

2023 – 74: 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, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 74**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY FUND, NO. 2904, FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to Suspend the Rules.

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

Council President Rounds asked if are there any questions or comments on this ordinance? Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

2023 – 75: 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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 75**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is the first reading for this item.

2023 – 76: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 76**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO SECURE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Walsh motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to Suspend the Rules.

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

Council President Rounds asked if are there any questions or comments on this resolution? Seeing none.

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

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

Resolution Passes

2023 – 77: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 77**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1105 ENTITLED “STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL AND WETLANDS PROTECTION” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND RENAMING CHAPTER 1105 “EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL”

Council President Rounds stated that this is the first reading for this item.

2023 – 78: 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: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 78**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 1106 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, “COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT” TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CHAPTER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

Council President Rounds stated that this is the first reading for this item.

2023 – 79: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 79**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 1107 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, “RIPARIAN SETBACKS” TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CHAPTER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

Council President Rounds stated that this is the first reading for this item.

2023 – 80: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 80**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 1108 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, “WETLAND SETBACKS” TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CHAPTER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

Council President Rounds stated that this is the first reading for this item. Council President then looked for a motion to refer agenda items 8, 9, 10 and 11 (Ordinances 2023 – 77, 2023 – 78, 2023 – 79 and 2023 – 80) to the Planning Commission as a mandatory referral? So moved by Councilwoman Maruschak; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Item(s) moved to Planning Commission

2023 – 81: 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, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 81**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RICHARD L. BOWEN + ASSOCIATES, INC. TO SERVE AS CITY ENGINEER, AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED THEREUNDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is the first reading for this item.

2023 – 82: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 82**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FIRE PARAMEDIC VEHICLE FROM BURGESS AMBULANCE SALES AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$329,557.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to Suspend the Rules.

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

Council President Rounds asked if are there any questions or comments on this resolution? Seeing none.

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

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

Resolution Passes

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council