



## City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes November 27, 2023

The Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, November 27, 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, and Stavole.

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

November 13, 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: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, 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: I want to thank City Council for coming and freezing outside with all of us for the Parma Heights Tree Lighting. We want to send a special thanks to the Valley Forge Choir, Vineyard Church and Troop 7187 who donated their time. We appreciate the partnerships we have. As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, the mayor is beginning her second year of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. The three large action items she took were, proclaiming April 29<sup>th</sup> as Mayor's Monarch Day, seeding Nathan Hale with native seeds and creating a pollinator garden on Pearl Road. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Katelyn will host homemade Christmas Tree Ornaments with Lisa Zaremba, you can take yours home to put on your tree, the cost is \$5.00 at Cassidy Theatre. Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> also at Cassidy Theatre is sold out. Katelyn and I will be taking small reservations and seeing if we can squeeze anyone else in. That concludes my report.

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

Councilwoman Walsh asked if next year could you look into Olde York and York. We own a piece of property there that in the spring used to be full of Daffodils, it was gorgeous. I know the Garden Club probably 50 years ago put them in. They thrive there and are beautiful.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further questions for Director Bacci? Seeing none.  
Safety Director Heffernan.....

Safety Director Heffernan: The deer culling program update. We should be hitting our targeted number shortly. September 14<sup>th</sup> two officers from the Cleveland Academy will graduate and will begin formal training with the city and will need be certified during that time.

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

Councilwoman DeSouza asked if we are close to our limit of the number of culls we are allowed, is that with any extensions or the original number allowed?

Mayor Gallo responded that we have reached our limit for budgeted overtime for deer culling, no extensions have been added. We were going to cut it off at 80 and they got it done in about 6 weeks.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, Council President. This is our last week for yard waste pick up from Republic Service, we will start again in April 2024. That has all been updated on the website. Our crews are going to begin the last pass on leaf pick up hopefully tomorrow, depending on weather.

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

Finance Director Iaconis: Thank you, Council President. As I mentioned during the Caucus, I have one amendment on the 2024 Budget and that is adding a cost of \$17,000 for new radios for the Fire Department, this will be a total cost of over \$100,000, we are breaking this out over the next three years and also apply for grant funding. There will also be amendments at the next meeting for the 2023 year to wrap up the year. If anyone happens to ask you, there is a glitch on the County's web site where people go to look at their property taxes and information. It's stating that there is an outstanding balance. There is a disclaimer on the site now that says "due to system maintenance...". Please let folks know that the county is working on the site if they have any questions about balances.

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

Mayor Gallo: The Senior Center served and delivered 1,016 meals over the past two weeks. This was the second highest number of meals served or delivered this year. They were closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November but everyone was given the opportunity to receive meals from the Royal Redeemer Church and fortunately it was enough to make two meals out of it. Normandy High School are donating to the seniors. We won our first Volley Ball tournament held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Nathan Hale project is still moving right along and hopefully will open in spring. It is still closed to the public at this time. We're working with an architect for the library at the old NEO Soccer sight and we should be selecting a General Contractor soon. December 11<sup>th</sup> is our last regularly scheduled Council meeting of the year, if anyone has anything that needs to be on the agenda, please get that in. If we need to call a special meeting we can, but we will try our best to get everything on the December 11<sup>th</sup> agenda. That completes my report, Council President.

Council President Rounds thanked the mayor and I think it is very kind of the Royal Redeemer that's in North Royalton to extend it's caring into the Parma Heights area for our senior citizens. It's very notable for them, appreciate that. Any comments or questions for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none....

### 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, you are given 3 minutes to speak, state your name and address and please direct all questions or comments to me. 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.

Eric Clink, 6602 Big Creek Parkway; I want to know what the city can do. I speak for about 32 homeowners between St. John Bosco and West 130<sup>th</sup> Street. We get buried every year by the snow plows. One push will get pushed toward the center strip and then Metro Parks will come and do it, Parma Heights will come by, eventually we get buried every year. Fire hydrants get buried.

Council President Rounds responded thank you and we'll definitely look into that. There are different entities that are pushing snow. Is there any other public comment this evening? Seeing none, we'll move on into legislation.

### 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.

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds, Haase

Council President Rounds 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**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak  
Nay: Walsh

*Ordinance Passes*

**2023 – 67: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza

Council President Rounds 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**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Walsh, Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko,

*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.

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh

Council President Rounds 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, AS AMENDED**

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

**2023 – 81: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Rounds, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole

Council President Rounds 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 second reading for this item.

**2023 – 83: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds

Council President Rounds read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 83**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CASSIDY THEATRE WITH CASSIDY THEATRE, INC. AN OHIO NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**2023 – 84: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds, Haase

Council President Rounds read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 84**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL ZONE ON YORK ROAD AT VALLEY FORGE HIGH SCHOOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak

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

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza

*Ordinance Passes*

**2023 – 85: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Walsh, Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko

Council President Rounds read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 85**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON TO PROVIDE FOR PRISONER HOUSING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Director Iaconis called Roll Call: Aye: Stavole, Rounds, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh

**Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.**

  
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Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council

  
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Tom Rounds  
President of Council