



City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023

The Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, December 11, 2023 was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:18 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Rounds, Council Members Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, and Stavole.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Service Director Sepik, Safety Director Heffernan

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 20, 2023 Parma Heights City Council Work Session Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak 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

November 27, 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

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Safety Director Heffernan: Due to the recent turn over in the police department, they are going to move forward with a Civil Service test sometime in 2024.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, Council President. Just a reminder that the Republic Service waste collection pickup that lands on the week of Monday, December 25th will be delayed. Normal pick up on

Wednesday will be on Thursday, December 28th. Leaf collection is finished for the city, I have one truck for the city just circling in case there was a parked car somewhere.

Council President Rounds. Thank you. The comments on Facebook about the leaf program has been very well received by the residents. Any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Councilman Haase...

Councilman Haase asked if that day delay affect the New Year collection?

Service Director Sepik responded that he would get back to Councilman Haase.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated while the leaf collection was going to be completed on December 1st, thank you for extending it. The truck that I saw in Ward 4 went through twice in one day. Thank you.

Council President Rounds. Any other questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none. Nice to see you again, Director Schneider. Mayor Gallo....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you, Mr. President. The Monarch Pledge was accepted last week. So once again we are doing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. There are only 5 mayors in Ohio. We are going to be hosting two basketball clinics in partnership with Holy Name High School. Focusing on passing, shooting and dribbling. Starting in the new year Parma Heights Recreation will be shifting their registration software to My Rec.to streamline things. The Senior Center served and delivered 1,209 meals over the past two weeks. Director James received a donation in the amount of \$200 they will use those funds towards the holiday lunch in December. Seniors went out to breakfast this past Saturday and then when to Pettiti Gardens for photo with Santa. Each participant received a free 4 x 6 photo. The trip to Normandy High Schools Cosmetology Class for manicures and facials was a huge success. We are working on getting the Recreational Trail Grant reimbursement for Nathan Hale Park. Also working on getting our Capital Budget requests in to the state this week. Director Iaconis and I attended a meeting with the Cuyahoga County Library this morning. We are potentially looking at breaking ground by next summer, 2024. Internal discussions took place today. We are very excited.

Council President Rounds thanked the mayor and again thanked her for allowing Director Sepik to provide us with an updated tour this evening at Nathan Hale. It was quite an amazing experience to see the work that has come together between NEORS, County Councilman Scott Tuma, the city, the Federal work that went into that. It's quite amazing and beautiful. Thank you very much. Any other comments or questions for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none....

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds began with Councilman Haase's update of the Planning Commission meeting that was held on December 4th, 2023.

Councilman Haase stated that there are four ordinances on tonight's agenda, items 5 – 8 that the Planning Commission forwarded back to council's consideration. They are basically matching what other neighboring communities are doing that relate to not only the Clean Water Act of 1972, but also meeting certain EPA requirements.

Council President Rounds also read the liquor permit application from Mondo Beverage Drive Thru LLC, 7177 W. 130th Street, Parma Heights, OH, 44130. Chief of Police has recommended that this application be approved. If there's no objection from council, we'll forward this on without a request of hearing. Any objection? Seeing none. That application will stand as approved.

Councilman Haase added that just in case you haven't noticed. Motley 7 Brew location on Pearl Road opened on Monday. That obviously went through the Planning Commission. They were offering free beverages to folks. Stop by to get a coffee, iced tea or something else of your choosing.

Mayor Gallo added that we could do the appointments and reappointments during this time, I would appreciate it.

Council President Rounds stated that under the Board of Zoning Appeals, they mayor is looking for appointments of Matthew DeSouza, Lindsey Dumbauld, Samantha Galvin and Mark Podany. According to our Charter this is done with the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to council. We will do the appointment of Matthew DeSouza first and then go to roll call.

For the appointment of Matthew DeSouza....

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

The appointment of Matthew DeSouza has been approved by the majority of council.

For the appointments of Lindsey Dumbauld, Samantha Galvin and Mark Podany

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

Mayor, we concur with your appointments of Lindsey Dumbauld, Samantha Galvin, Mark Podany and Matthew DeSouza to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council President Rounds stated that under the Civil Service Commission. Again, with the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to council. The mayor is looking for the reappointment of Frank Bova.

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

Mayor, we concur with the reappointment of Frank Bova to the Civil Service Commission.

Council President Rounds stated that the language for the Planning Commission says with the advice and consent of council. They mayor is looking for the reappointment of Zach Humphrey. If we are all okay with that reappointment, council is nodding our heads. We are in concurrence with that.

Council President Rounds stated that again the language for the Recreation Commission says with the advice and consent of council. They mayor is looking for the reappointment of Kelli Krise. With the advice and consent of council are we okay with that reappointment? Yes, we are. Mayor, we are good with both of those reappointments.

Mayor Gallo thanked the Council President.

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.

Dan Rhyand, 6145 Denison Boulevard; First of all, we need some audio, can't hear what is being said. Secondly, Denison Boulevard is a drag strip. I'm sure you've been addressed many times before. There are kids, it used to be school zone. They come down so fast, cars are hopping off the ground. If there's anything that you can do, just put a car there to stall them for a couple days. Speed camera would help. Thanks.

Council President Rounds responded thank you Dan and the Safety Director is listening as well. Notes are being taken. Thank you for your comments. Is there any other public comment this evening? Seeing none, we'll move on into legislation.

LEGISLATION

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

Council President Rounds stated that this is the third reading for this item. Mayor, please thank Director Iaconis for us in providing that information.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

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: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, 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 third reading for this item.

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 – 83: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen 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

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza 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 resolution? Seeing none.

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

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

Resolution Passes

2023 – 85: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilwoman Durichko 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, Rounds

Clerk Allen 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

Councilwoman Durichko 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 resolution? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, 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: Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, 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”, AS AMENDED

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

2023 – 78: 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: Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, 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, AS AMENDED

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

2023 – 79: 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: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, 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, AS AMENDED

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

2023 – 80: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilwoman Durichko 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 – 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, AS AMENDED

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

2023 – 86: 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: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 86**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF PARCEL NUMBER 471-03-053 WITH THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND DBA HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza 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 ordinance? Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

2023 – 87: 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: Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 87**

A RESOLUTION PLACING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED SIX (6) MONTHS, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA (STATE ISSUE 2) UNTIL OHIO LEGISLATORS SET UP THE MECHANISM FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, (STATE ISSUE 2) UNTIL OHIO LEGISLATORS SET UP THE MECHANISM

FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza 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.

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

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

Resolution Passes

2023 – 88: 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, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION. 2023 – 88**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR), DIVISION OF FORESTRY, OHIO'S URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

Resolution Passes

2023 – 89: 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: Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION. 2023 – 89**

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

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

2023 – 90: 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: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 90**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2023-55, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

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

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

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

Ordinance Passes

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Rounds added that as a point of personal privilege to Councilwoman Walsh and Councilman Stavole: As it is your last meeting with us here and the end of your term, I just want to express my thanks to you both for the time that you've invested with the city, the meetings you've attended, the time and effort you've given to the residents of the city and this council. Thank you very much.

Can I have a motion for adjournment?

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council