



City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024

The Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, February 12, 2024 was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Rounds, Councilmembers Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak and Council Clerk Allen.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

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

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 22, 2024 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of January 22, 2024.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Rounds
Abstain: Haase

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Recreation Director Bacci: Spring soccer and summer baseball registration is open. With the new program up and running (MyRec) it seems to be user friendly for both parents and for us. The Leprechaun Hunt for ages 3 to 10 years old, coming up on Saturday, March 16 from 10 to 11:00 at Cassidy Theatre, registration for resident is open now, non-resident registration will open March 1st. Seasonal hiring has begun, we intend to be fully staffed again this year. Applications are online or call Katelyn or me for more information. The Solar Eclipse party with the Parma City School District will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Valley Forge and Earth Day in the Commons, will be held Saturday, April 27th from 1 to 4:00 p.m. We'll have some food trucks, live animal presentations and some tables set up with North East Ohio various Environmental leaders.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Bacci? Seeing none. Councilmembers, please save the Earth Day date, April 27th. We will be there in the afternoon as well. Thank you. Safety Director Scharschmidt.....

Safety Director Scharschmidt: In March the Police Department will be State Certified by the Collaborative Board. This is a 10-policy certification which provides us to seek further state grants. As State Representative Brennan stated this was made possible for the body cams, which were purchased with a grant. On the Fire side, Lieutenant Sparling provided seniors fire prevention/fire safety lessons and this will also be done in the apartment complexes in the city in the near future. We had an incident last Thursday, at approximately 11:05 p.m. we received reports of

shots fired and a large fight of about 14 males (18–20 years) taking place at the Twin Lakes building on Pearl Road. Officers from Parma and Parma Heights responded. Perimeter was set up and a drone was deployed. Of the 14 suspects, 11 were detained. Two injured males transported to Metro Hospital. Three weapons recovered, one still missing. This is an ongoing investigation. One of our new hires, Mena Garas was instrumental on the scene, he speaks fluent Arabic. Thank you.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, Council President. Effective March 1, 2024 all of the code updates for the building standards will go into effect for the 2024 Ohio State Code update. Republic Service, this will be my last announcement stating that the monthly bulk collection will be on February 21st. If council passes the legislation in front of you this evening, we will be changing to weekly bulk collection and yard waste collection. Residents, businesses, renters, rental owners and contractors can now complete applications on the new iWork online portal using the building tab, to apply for permits, and registration licensing. We were successful in getting the 2024 County Grow Preventative Maintenance Reimbursement Program for \$41,400 for repairs to Snow and Stumph Road and West 130th Street. This will assist in crack sealing, catch basin, concrete and asphalt repairs. Thank you.

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

Finance Director Iaconis: We are still working on closing out the 2023 financials. It is a little more complex because we are on an accrual basis verses cash basis. Our 2022 audit has been completed. An e-mail from the auditors will be coming out soon. Working on a multitude of projects. I can do a lot of the background stuff for the iWork's and MyRec programs making sure things are working correctly. We're hiring a new Assistant Finance Director and will be doing interviewing next week. I want to mention on the compensation ordinance there was an increase for the Assistant Director as well. At the next meeting a detailed report of all the January activity and if there are any additional charts or comments or things you'd like to see, let Barb know and she can reach out. Thank you.

Council President Rounds. Any questions or comments for the director? Seeing none. Council President then added that I would like to thank you director and Mayor Gallo for the assistance in securing the laptops for City Council. Furthermore, at no cost to the city is an even better deal, so since they were part of the data plan, the amount of paper we will be saving alone and the use of the copy machine will be noticed.

Director Iaconis added that we are working with a third party for our IT needs. We are in the process of preparing an e-mail to staff explaining the process of how to reach out if they have IT issues. We will have several people within City Hall that can place tickets on behalf of the city.

Council President Rounds added: Great and since you brought that up a few of our councilmembers tonight are not able to use their laptops because they don't have their passwords. This assistance was requested Friday morning through Carol to Simvay. We have not received that information as of yet. Thank you. Director Iaconis stated she would look into that in the morning.

Council President Rounds added a thank you. It's good to see you, Director Schneider.

Director Schneider stated that it's good to see you too. I wanted to follow up on the question from earlier, Resolution 2024 – 6; the amendment to the contract paragraph 4 on Exhibit A whether or not that was a type-o and I have been able to review the original text and this is accurate from the original text.

Council President Rounds: Thank you, director, Mayor Gallo....

Mayor Gallo: The Senior Center served and delivered 1,293 meals over the past two weeks. Mr. President, I believe you are aware of this already, the Seniors were supposed to Ragtime at Cassidy Theatre this past Sunday and then go out to dinner, Ragtime was cancelled due to Covid concern but they still had a great time at the restaurant. The Reserve Hearing Center came to the Senior Center on February 6th to provide free hearing screening, hearing aid repair and cleanings. They will be back in April. Because Valentines Day falls on Ash Wednesday, the Senior Center will be celebrating Valentines Day on Friday, February 16th. Royal Oak and Pleasant Villa have committed to providing monthly activities at our Senior Center. Several fish fry's will be available during lent. The first will be to Wagon Wheel on February 23rd. In an effort to support Parma Heights establishments they will be taking two busses of seniors to Don Ramons on February 20th. The Solid Waste District Recycle grant has been submitted. This is a grant we apply for every year; it covers the flier that goes out regarding recycling information, and the calendar. The Recreational Trail reimbursement has been submitted for \$150,000. This is the trail that goes around the Nathan Hale Basin. The CDBG and the CDSG grant awards will be announced in March. The CDBG grant we applied for will go towards the resurfacing of Denison Boulevard for \$150,000; and the CDSG grant will be for the restroom improvements at the theatre for \$50,000. The Cassidy Theatre lobby renovations have been completed. We are very thankful for the funding we have received in order to do those improvements. The 2024 Nature Works application is due June 1st and we're requesting \$150,000 for a new playground for the Greenbriar Commons area. Council President has requested that I bring in the Senior Center Administrator, Trish James and our Grant Coordinator, Joe Sebes to give an overview of what they do. They will be here for the next council meeting. We should have the street ratings coming soon to City Council. That concludes my report this evening.

Council President Rounds asked if the monthly Senior Center newsletter is mailed to residents or are they placed at the Senior Center or here at City Hall for pick up? Are they available online?

Mayor Gallo responded that I don't believe they are mailed. Director Iaconis if you could.....

Director Iaconis added that they are not mailed, although there may be some seniors that have agreements set up to have them sent to them. Yes, they are available online.

Council President Rounds thanked the mayor and asked if there were any other comments or questions for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President added that there were 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. You have up to 3 minutes to speak, and address your comments to me. Seeing none.

LEGISLATION

2024 - 6: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 6**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH BROWNING – FERRIS INDUSTRIES OF OHIO, INC., FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, Rounds

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

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

Resolution Passes

2024 - 7: 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: Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 7**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. THROUGH EQUALIS GROUP FOR REPAIRS TO THE PARMA HEIGHTS SERVICE GARAGE ROOF, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THOSE REPAIRS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to Suspend the Rules.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, 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: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Rounds

Resolution Passes

2024 - 8: 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: Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 8**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 59, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION PAID TO VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, 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: Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

Ordinance Passes

2024 - 9: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 9**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.07 ENTITLED "RULES OF ORDER" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Rounds stated that this is the first reading for this ordinance.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Council President moved to ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CERTAIN PERSONNEL MATTERS TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, AND/OR COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Rounds

Council President Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. Council resumed meeting at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Rounds asked: Can I have a motion for adjournment? Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Rounds

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council