



## City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024

The Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, March 11, 2024 was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:04 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, Service Director Sepik, Safety Director Scharschmidt, and Recreation Director Bacci.

### COUNCIL MINUTES

February 26, 2024 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the City Council Minutes of February 26, 2024.

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

*Minutes Approved*

### REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Recreation Director Bacci: Our ongoing projects; we still have summer softball, t-ball and baseball registration open. We've added a Tott t-ball, 3 and 4-year-olds we already have 47 signed up, that was very well received. We did shut down soccer registration on March 8<sup>th</sup> and all the teams are now full. We'll open again in June for the fall season. The Leprechaun Hunt is this Saturday, March 16 from 10 to 11:00 at Cassidy Theatre and is full, we do have a wait list started. On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cassidy Theatre we'll be doing spring crafts from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Room B and then next door in room A, the Historical Society will be doing the egg hunt indoors this year. Summer Concerts Series, Sunday's, July 4<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Nathan Hale Park. The different bands that will be coming each week will be posted on our Facebook page. Summer Yoga is confirmed, beginning May through September every second and fourth Saturday from 10 to 11:00 a.m. at Greenbriar Commons.

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

Councilwoman Maruschak asked if the director could provide applications for sponsorship opportunities?

Director Bacci said absolutely, I'll get them out to you in the morning.

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

Safety Director Scharschmidt: Fire Department news; they've received a State Fire Marshal Grant for \$10,000 to cover the cost for new and extra airbags, and ribbing. Total cost for this purchase is \$14,728 so the cost to the city is \$4,728. Patrick Mason, a 17-year Firefighter tested number 1 on both the written and oral assessment portions of the Lieutenants Exam. He will be at the next City Council session on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Police Department news; last week the Civil Service Commission approved the NTN list of 42 for hire. We are continuing to interview those candidates.

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

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, Council President. CT Consultants/Brown and Caldwell with NEORSD will be doing dye testing at Blossom and Sutherland for the waterline projects. They are looking for leaks. Residents will be notified by door hangers. If there are any resident questions or concerns, they can contact NEORSD directly at 216-881-8247 or Brown and Caldwell directly at 216-606-1304. Thank you.

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

Mayor Gallo: The Senior Center served and delivered 1,319 meals over the past two weeks. They are taking the seniors to Legally Blonde, the musical, at Normandy High School and then going to Stancato's for dinner, Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the Senior Center on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Parma Heights Fire Department is conducting an Apartment Fire Safety Program on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. They are going to Holy Name Fish Fry this Friday and then Schnitz Ale Brewery on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Rivals on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. To review some of our grants; the Recreational Trail reimbursement has been submitted for the trail at Nathan Hale; we're waiting on the CDBG award for Denison Boulevard in the amount of \$150,000; we're working on the Nature Works application for the Greenbriar Commons Playground; Joe went over the \$300,000 grant that pays over 4 years for the trees and arborist; he's also reviewing potential funding for more playground equipment throughout out city. Our park equipment is aging and we're trying to be creative to look for funding for our children in our community. The Cuyahoga County Library should be coming before Planning in May when we get more information, I'm sure some of you would like to attend that meeting so that you're well informed in case there are any questions from the community. They would like to break ground before summer. In regards to our capital funding, I've been in contact with State Representative Sean Brennan and State Senator Nickie Antonio. We reminded Senator Antonio that we have not received capital funding for the past couple of years. We are really hoping to receive funding for some of the projects we have submitted. The street rating list should be coming out next month, it will be e-mailed to all of council once it's released. I want to thank all of you for the interest in sponsoring our teams, a majority of council has done this and it's huge for the city. We are still moving along with painting hydrants and addresses on the curbs (black backgrounds with white numbers). Our ordinances state that residents have to have the address posted on the house, but especially at night it's helpful for our safety services to have the address on the curbs. That concludes my report, Mr. President.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds asked Councilman Haase to provide his Planning Commission update from March 4, 2024.

Councilman Haase stated that Jim McCall was re-elected as the Chair of the Planning Commission for another 12-month period. The Commission gave consideration to a lot split and consolidation on Olde York Road. It involved an 8-foot strip of property. One homeowner used the area as a turnaround for his property, he has now passed on and the widow is possibly selling the property. Before that happens the neighbor has purchased the property so that he can access his back yard. This strip of property was originally the neighbors and so it just puts things back inline the way it was originally for both lots.

## 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, direct your comments to me and we do take notes, even though we may not comment back and forth.

**Tammy Sebastian**, 6814 Revere. Do we have a timeline for the school zone?

Director Scharschmidt responded that once we get approval, I'm guessing about 4 – 8 weeks before we get this all-in place. I can let you know as we get closer.

Tammy Sebastian added that it's very close to my house and I'm surprised that this wasn't there in the first place. We're very thankful. Thankful for all the hard work everyone does. I wanted to comment on the Work Session earlier, I know that you're in an uncomfortable position talking about increasing the salary for city council or for the mayor. Transparency is everything, along the way with the residences maybe let us know the number of hours you put in, it's not just council meetings. If you can do any front loading of that information during for example Ward meetings, I think that would be helpful. I'm appalled at how low of an amount of money our mayor is currently making.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any other comments or questions? Seeing none.

## LEGISLATION

### **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: Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Rounds

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

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.07 ENTITLED "RULES OF ORDER" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED ~~AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY~~**

Councilman Rounds stated that this is the third and final reading. Are there any questions or comments on this ordinance? Seeing none.

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

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

*Ordinance Passes*

### **2024 - 11 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: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 11**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1394 ENTITLED "REGISTRATION AND EXTERIOR INSPECTION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 12: 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: Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 12**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.27 ENTITLED "HARBORING OF PIGEONS" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 13: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

Councilman Kolezynski 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 - 13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 715 ENTITLED "AUCTIONS" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 15: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 15**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 727.03 ENTITLED "LICENSE FEE; EXPIRATION" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 16: 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 - 16**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 906.13 ENTITLED "PERMIT FEES" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 17: 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: DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 17**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 751 ENTITLED "MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND COMPUTER SWEEPSTAKE DEVICES" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 18: 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: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 18**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 755.01 ENTITLED "LICENSE REQUIRED" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 19: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 19**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.29 ENTITLED "BEEKEEPING" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

Councilman Rounds stated that this is the second reading for this ordinance. I would like to make a motion to amend Exhibit A, section (b) change the distance from the property line from 5 feet to 10 feet and also section (c) change the distance of the water source from 5 feet to 10 feet; seconded by Councilman Haase.

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

*Amendment passes*

**2024 - 20: 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: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 20**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 735 ENTITLED “FORTUNETELLING” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 21: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza 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 - 21**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 335.15 ENTITLED “REGISTRATION OF SNOW PLOW OPERATORS” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 22: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 22**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 634.08 ENTITLED “REGISTRATION OF VACANT PROPERTY” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 23: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 23**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 634.09 ENTITLED “FORECLOSURE REGISTRATION” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 24: 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: Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 24**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1321 ENTITLED “BUILDING FEES” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

Councilman Rounds stated that this is the second reading for this ordinance. I'd like to thank the Law Department, especially Megan for the work that she has done on these ordinances. There is a lot of work that goes into these.

**2024 – 25: RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 25**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 25**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EXPANSION OF THE SCHOOL ZONE ON YORK ROAD AT VALLEY FORGE HIGH SCHOOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

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

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

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

*Resolution Passes*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**



Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds  
President of Council

