



## City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024

The Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, April 8, 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, Service Director Sepik, Safety Director Scharschmidt, and Recreation Director Bacci.

### COUNCIL MINUTES

March 25, 2024 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of March 25, 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 Reports from Mayor and Directors, please begin Recreation Director Bacci....

Recreation Director Bacci: I'd like to thank City Council again for passing our Capital Improvement legislation to allow for the second phase of the pool upgrades such as the heater, filter, and pump in the main pool. Summer Yoga is beginning on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Greenbrier Commons and will go every other Saturday. Earth Day will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4:00 p.m. at Greenbrier Commons. We have Pitch, Hit and Run happening on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Kurtz Park. We want to thank members of the Cleveland Guardians Charities that provided our new bases this year, there will be an unveiling on this day. If anyone else would like to attend please let me know, we have not yet set a time for this, so we can accommodate as many people's schedules as possible.

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

Safety Director Scharschmidt: There is new signage at the Fire and Police Department. It lights up at night and is much more visible for our residents. They are up and I think they look great. The 2023 annual reports for Police and Fire should be completed by the next council meeting. The hydrant flushing has been pushed back; this has begun this week.

Council President Rounds: Questions, comments for Director Scharschmidt? Seeing none. Service Director Sepik.....

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, Council President. April 22 will be the first Shred Event, the second will be 9/28. Columbia Gas will begin their gas line project, replacement of approximately 2,800 feet of new pipe which will service about 80 properties. Pre-construction and notification to the residents has already begun. This will take place in the Snow Road area between Parkhill and Eldon, Wakefield between Snow and Elmor and on Ella Drive between Snow and Pearl. Should be completed in about 4 months. Any questions or comments we ask that you call Columbia Gas directly.

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

Councilwoman Palmisano asked about the lighting being changed out to LED lighting and when that would begin?

Service Director Sepik responded that the Illuminating Company has already replaced the old incandescent light bulbs with new incandescent light bulbs, but they have pole numbers and those are on a list to get changed to the LED.

Councilman Haase asked about the Shred Event. Is it customary to have only 2 boxes or bags per resident?

Service Director Sepik added that we always ask that you limit it to 2. We're not going to turn someone away while they are there, we do ask for identification. We want to keep everyone happy but keep it moving along as quickly as possible.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none. Good to see you, Director Schneider. Mayor Gallo.....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you, Council President. A reminder that the city received a Community Development Supplemental Grant for Denison Blvd. from Cuyahoga County. We are beginning the design phase of that project. Phase 1 of the Cassidy Theatre have been completed; included the lobby upgrades and the decking. Phase 2 will begin soon and will include the unisex restroom and upgrades to the main level restrooms next to the lobby. The new signage is up at the Police and Fire Department, please take a ride by it at night. Nathan Hale's opening is April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. We'll probably have the park open to residents and the community in general, but the bathrooms will only be open during the summer months. We'll have Flock cameras at the entrance and security cameras in the park due to the retention basin and because it holds water in it all the time, we will be monitoring it all the time. Police and Fire have been instrumental in providing additional input on the safety for the park. The streets rating list should be available soon. I'd like residents to know that even though your street might not be in the top 10, that doesn't mean it will be done in that order. Assistant Chief Clark's daughter has passed away, after a long battle with cancer. Funeral arrangements will be this Friday at Busch Funeral Home in Parma at 7:00 p.m. The Charter Review Commission members that I'd like to nominate are: Joseph Eagle a Local 55 plumber and a 4 year resident, Jack Gilbride, Account Manager and 34 year resident, Kate McCall a Marketing Specialist and 35+ year resident, Chelsea McGoldrick-Lynn a Paralegal and Office Manager and a 3.5 year resident, Thomas Neff a Local 38 Electrician and a 4 year resident, Luke Ols works for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and is a 23 year resident, Rick Silvaggio is a Journeyman and Owner of RML Tool & Die and is a 5 year resident, Jim Urbanek is a retired Local 120 Pipefitter and a 67 year resident and Dottie Wenger is a community liaison for Yorktown Service Plaza and on the Board of Directors for the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce and a 25 year resident.

Council President Rounds asked if there are any objections to any of the names that the mayor has put before us? Seeing none. Mayor, you have our advice and consent for those Charter Review Commission members to serve the city.

Mayor Gallo thanked the Council President and city council for approval of all of those names. And that concludes my report this evening, thank you.

Council President Rounds: Any other comments or questions for Mayor Gallo? Councilwoman DeSouza...

Councilwoman DeSouza asked about the security cameras at Nathan Hale, who is going to be monitoring those? Mayor Gallo asked Director Scharschmidt to respond.

Director Scharschmidt responded that dispatch, the Service Department, and Police Department will all be covering those cameras. We want as much coverage as possible. We want to be as pro-active as we can.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that she is pleased to hear several people will be reviewing those camera's and not just one person.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds asked Councilman Haase to provide his update on the last Planning Commission meeting.

Councilman Haase stated that the Commission met last Monday and gave consideration to an application for the property at 6215 Pearl Road, requesting approval to allow automobile rental at that facility. We were joined by Amber Valez representing Hertz. We learned that the property will become an Uber Hub. It will not be a regular Hertz Rent A Car rental facility. It will be for individuals that drive for Uber and want to rent a car to do so instead of using their own vehicles. The Commission will meet again next Monday at 5:30 p.m. to hold a Public Hearing on that issue. They do have other locations in Akron and Warren, Parma Heights will become the Hertz Hub in the area.

## PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: If you would like to make a public comment, state your name and address. You have up to 3 minutes to speak, direct your comments, questions or concerns to me. Seeing none.

## LEGISLATION

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

Councilman Kolezynski 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 - 19**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.29 ENTITLED “BEEKEEPING” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED**

Councilman Rounds stated that this is the third reading for this ordinance. I'd like to thank the Committee of the Whole for the time and work to look this over and provide the update.

Councilman Kolezynski motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to move for passage

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

*Ordinance Passes*

### **2024 – 26: ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 26**

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

Council President Rounds made a motion to amend the ordinance to have the word VILLAGE replaced with the word CITY; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

*Amendment passes*

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 26**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING KINGSDALE BOULEVARD, NORTH CHURCH STREET AND OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY VILLAGE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY RESURFACING AND REPLACING CONCRETE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED**

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to Suspend the Rules

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

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

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

*Ordinance Passes as Amended*

**2024 – 27: ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 27**

Councilwoman Maruschak 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 – 27**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING A LADDER TRUCK WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT AND RADIOS; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

Council President Rounds asked if there 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: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

*Ordinance Passes*

**2024 – 28: ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 28**

Councilwoman DeSouza 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 - 28**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS**

**OF REPLACING OR IMPROVING THE ROOF OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

Council President Rounds asked if there 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: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Rounds

*Ordinance Passes*

**2024 – 29: ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 29**

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 - 29**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 145.04 ENTITLED “FEES AND CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS AND SERVICES” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

**2024 - 31: 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: DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 31**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROAD SALT CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilman Haase 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 there 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, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

*Resolution Passes*

**2024 - 32: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 32**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2024 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to Suspend the Rules

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

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

Councilwoman Palmisano 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 7:27 p.m.**



Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds  
President of Council