



City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes April 22, 2024

The Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, April 22, 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, Finance Director Iaconis, Service Director Sepik, Chief Czack, Chief Bernard and Recreation Director Bacci.

Council President Rounds asked for a moment of silence to recognize the fallen Police Officer Kandice Straub, from the Parma City Police Department. I ask that you keep her family, the City of Parma and the City of Parma Heights Police Department in your thoughts.

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 2024 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of 4/8/2024.

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: Softball, baseball and t-ball registrations end today so that we can honor our upcoming youth programs. Registration and uniform sponsorships will close on May 1st. The next summer craft will be held on May 11th from 12 – 2:00 p.m. They will be making tick-tack-toe boards and Monarch clips. The cost is \$5.00 per person, supplies will be provided. Earth Day will be on April 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Greenbrier Commons. Youth Sports Night, something that we haven't done before, will be held July 23rd. The Cleveland Guardians have invited all of our youth baseball and youth soccer kids to participate in the pre-game parade and pre-game batting practice. Tickets are available, \$23.00 per person, seating is in Section 121 on the third base line.

Council President Rounds: Any other questions for Director Bacci? Councilwoman Durichko.....

Councilwoman Durichko asked if you have the time set for the Hit, Pitch, Run event?

Director Bacci responded that we are waiting to hear back from the Cleveland Guardians Charity who sponsored the bases for that program. We want to make sure as many of them are available to make it to the ribbon cutting as possible. Check in will begin at 9:00 am for the kids that are participating, but the ribbon cutting will be announced once I get confirmation from the Cleveland Guardians Charity.

Councilwoman Durichko added that the Facebook posts are amazing. You do an awesome job with getting information out to the public using this forum. Have we considered paying for advertising for some of the larger events and controlling the geography that it hits? This way the people that don't look at the website or aren't on Facebook will have a little better opportunity of seeing what we are doing.

Director Bacci responded that we have paid for ads in the past, typically we try to use Peach Jar through the Parma City School District. It goes straight to everyone in the districts e-mails and we've seen a greater response from that. We can certainly take another look at Facebook ads as well.

Council President Rounds asked about the Guardians Game, is it just for the athletes and their families, or is a community day?

Director Bacci responded that it is a community day. In order to participate in the pre-game parade, you have to be registered on one of our teams. We'll have a shout out from our mayor, just a fun time for our residents. July 23rd tentatively at 6:30 p.m.

Council President Rounds: Any other questions for Director Bacci? Councilman Haase.....

Councilman Haase asked if we have considered contacting the Guardian to increase our involvement at the event, i.e. have the mayor through out the first pitch or having someone from Parma Heights sing the National Anthem?

Director Bacci stated that we did reach out to them, it was already filled for this year. We will try again for 2025.

Mayor Gallo added that Councilman Haase has experience singing the National Anthem, so I'm sure he would be happy to volunteer for that.

Councilman Haase stated that he has indeed done so and funny story, there was a 7 second delay on the sound system at the Municipal Stadium, so as you sing one line, and the previous line is coming back at you. It's not as easy as it looks. I was told by Nadine Glinsky who was at the time the Community Relations Director "You were the only singer besides Rocco Scotti who stayed on pitch through the whole song". I'm very proud of that. If you make that happen, I would be honored to represent my city.

Council President Rounds: Service Director Sepik.....

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, Council President. Community Shred is this Saturday, April 22 from 9 – 12:00 at the Service Garage. The Household Hazardous event will be Saturday, May 11th from 9 -12:00 also at the Service Garage. You may have noticed Pearl Road Island; we've made it esthetically more pleasing and safer for our guys. That project began on April 8th and finished on April 15th. Our 2024 Street Rehab bids came in, we had bids advertised in the Plain Dealer. Specialized Construction was the lowest and best bidder, we would like to ask for a motion from council to accept the bid from Specialized Construction and to return the bids to other 4 bidders. The engineer's bid was \$757,205 and Specialized bid was \$643,433.65. It's going to be Kingsdale from Pearl up to York and then North Church from York Road up to Reed and on the end where the stop light is by the Kidney Center will be completed also.

Council President Rounds made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid per the city's engineer's recommendation and to release the other unsuccessful bids. Seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Motion Carried

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

Finance Director Jaconis: At the first meeting in May, I will have legislation to allow Wichert, our Commercial Liability Insurance, to go out for bid for 2024-2025 policy. Our policy is active until August 1st. This is just a housekeeping measure to allow us to complete the applications and allow them to find us perhaps better plans/better pricing. On our debt issuance, we used OMAP, Ohio Market Access Program which is a state program that helps communities and schools that are not rated. We are expecting that on the 26th.

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

Mayor Gallo: Thank you, Council President. Regarding the Senior Center, they served and/or delivered 1,293 meals in the last two weeks. We received our new bus last Friday and our sign shop is adding the city logo now. Senior Prom was held on April 19th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Normandy High School, and all three city's had seniors that participated. A special thanks to Trish, her team and the students for being there and helping. This coming Saturday, the seniors will have a table at the Earth Day event. April 12th the seniors had their first mystery trip. They went to Lakeview Cemetery to view the daffodils and then to Mama Santas in Little Italy. Since January 1st, 61 new seniors have joined the Senior Center. We have begun planting trees and bringing an Arborist in based on the Forestry Grant we received of \$400,000. The wayfinding sign that was hit by Dunkin Donuts has been replaced, and that was covered through that person's insurance. Thank you for having a moment of silence for Officer Kandice Straub. She was a graduate of Valley Forge High School, lived in the city, and was a resident. I commend both Chiefs for their participation in helping the City of Parma and the Parma Police Department during the parade route, to help cover the city so the officers could attend the funeral. The library is going to be coming before the Planning Commission soon. As early as next week we're going to have to start having a couple of special meetings. They are looking to start in June. We are going to help them do that. Because we only meet every two weeks, it's probably going to require some special meetings to help them get the information to Planning. The Nathan Hale Ribbon Cutting was last week. Beautiful upgrade to that park after several years of planning. It's not only going to help alleviate basement flooding, but also what a great amenity for our residents and the surrounding community. Our Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 27th. Prior to that will be the 157th Ceremony in front of the Parma South Presbyterian Church. We have the longest running Memorial Day ceremony in the State of Ohio. At Councils request, I have a Proclamation to present in honor of Worker's Memorial Day, which is April 28th and I'll read it in its entirety.

Whereas, fifty-three years ago on April 28, 1971, the Occupational Safety and Health Act was enacted, after decades of effective advocacy and organizing by the labor movement; and

Whereas, despite the great strides made to protect workers since 1971, the Bureau of Labor's most recent data reports that both the number and rate of fatal work injuries is on the rise with 5,486 lives lost on the job in 2022, including 153 in the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, in addition to those workers who have died, millions of workers each year experience injuries, disabilities, and illnesses due to working in extreme climates and conditions, falls, exposure to harmful chemicals and environments, and other unsafe conditions resulting in loss of income and reduced quality of life, often with little or no restitution; and

Whereas, a great many of these fatalities, injuries, and illnesses undoubtedly could have been prevented by stronger health and safety standards at the state and federal levels and a workplace culture that values the life of every worker; and

Whereas, since 1989, labor organizations across the country have recognized Workers' Memorial Day as a time to reflect on the promise of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and to raise awareness of the unfinished work ahead to ensure safe workplaces for all workers; and

Whereas, the Mayor, Council President and City Council are desirous that Workers' Memorial Day be acknowledged by the City as a day of remembrance to reflect on the lives lost and forever changed due to unsafe work conditions. Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that I the Mayor of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:
proclaim April 28th, as Workers' Memorial Day.

Council President Rounds: Any other comments or questions for Mayor Gallo? Councilman Haase...

Councilman Haase mentioned that you know Arbor Day is this coming Friday the 26th, will mayor be planting a tree in honor of Arbor Day?

Mayor Gallo responded absolutely.

Councilman Haase also asked if there has been any thought to a guest speaker for the Memorial Day festivities?

Mayor Gallo responded yes. We have two guest speakers. They are both very closely related to Parma Heights. The program hasn't been put together, but council should be pleasantly surprised.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Councilman Haase stated that a Public Hearing was held which followed the regular Planning Commission meeting from Monday, April 1st. This was a Public Hearing for the proposed Hertz/Uber Rental application for the property at 6215 Pearl Road, PPN #472-06-001 requesting approval to allow automobile rental at that facility. Further discussion was given for the Conditional Use Permit to allow automobile rentals at that location. Per the Law Department it was recommended that the site request go to the Board of Zoning Appeals for further discussion on various variances including parking, building and frontage area. No date has been set as of yet but I will keep council apprised as that develops.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: This is an opportunity for those in the audience to make a comment. Please state your name and your address clearly for the Council Clerk to hear. Public Comment is not a discussion, but it is an opportunity for you to be heard in a public forum. Notes are being taken by council and the administration. You will address your comments to me as the Council President and you have up to 3 minutes to speak with Clerk Allen keeping the time. Councilwoman Palmisano.....

Councilwoman Palmisano introduced Sabrina and her leadership team from the Homestead 4H Club to talk a little bit about their local program and some upcoming events.

Sodapop Kaiser, we all work at the Stearns Homestead at 6975 Ridge Road. We have over 60 youth that participate with the 4H, which we raise animals. Some will go to market; some will go to auction at the County Fair this year and some are residents of the farm. Our program helps us grow as leaders, help in finding career paths. My name is Cooper, I want to invite everyone here to the Potential Buyer Night (flier attached) held at Stearns Homestead. You are going to be able to meet and greet all of our animals, market animals that are meant to feed people. There is going to be sampling, we currently have 13 members that have market animals. We will try to give you look into how these animals are marketed as well as invite you out to the County Fair auction. My name is Emily, I'd like to invite you to the Parma Heights Presbyterian Church on May 19th at 6:15 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

Council President Rounds commented that it's great to hear of these meetings and 4H events happening so close to us in Parma Heights. Is there anyone else that would like to make public comment....

Lon Kaufmann, 155 E. 314th, Willowick. Good evening, Mayor, City Council. I would like to share a concern with all of you as I traveled recently through the city. My concern is after I've done some research on school zones and the Constellation Schools, I found that all the ones I went to have the latest Federal requirement effective 2012 of the high

visibility florescent green signs. I found that the school on Pearl Road is the only school zone that does not have the high visibility signage. Part of the reason I missed it when I drove through the zone. Thank you again for allowing me to share these facts and I hope that council can research this in the future. I do have folders with photographs and written documents that I am happy to provide at any point in the future. I teach graphic design and that's the study of how signs are seen or unseen basically. During a visit in November, I received a photo citation that I got while driving through the school zone. I didn't realize it; I haven't had a ticket since the 90's. I was concerned, I took photos, I walked from Ackley to the crosswalk. It's the one school zone that doesn't have the Federally mandated high visibility florescent green signs.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further comments? Seeing none.

LEGISLATION

Council President Rounds stated before we get started with the legislation on our agenda, I'd like to make a motion to remove agenda item #5. Now that the mayor has provided a Proclamation honoring Workers' Memorial Day, this resolution is no longer needed. Seconded by DeSouza.

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

Motion Carried

2024 – 29: ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 29

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 - 29**

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

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

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

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

Ordinance Passes

2024 - 33: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilman Kolezynski 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 - 33**

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 resolution.

2024 – 34: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 34**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE PORTABLE RADIOS, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$225,367.97, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

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

Resolution Passes

2024 – 35: 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 - 35**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2023-75, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

2024 – 37: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilman Haase 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 - 37**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION PAID TO VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8.

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

2024 – 38: 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 - 38**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S 9-1-1 PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned; 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 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

2024 – 39: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Councilwoman Maruschak 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 - 39**

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AND SUPPORTING MAYOR KIRSTEN HOLZHEIMER GAIL TO BE THE MAYORS AND MANAGERS APPOINTMENT TO CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S 9-1-1 COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza 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.

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

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

Resolution Passes

Council President Rounds acknowledges that the Police Department provided a copy of the Annual Report with us. I think she left before having an opportunity to speak to it.

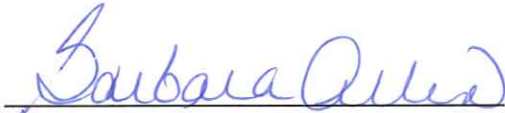
Mayor Gallo stated that if anyone has any questions or comments, please refer them to Clerk Allen and we'll get them over to the department for you. Sargeant Luzniak does an excellent job on these reports. He puts a lot of time and effort in them.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council

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POTENTIAL BUYER NIGHT

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Learn more about the Jr. Fair Market Auction at the Cuyahoga Co. Fair.

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