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Council President Rounds called the Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, December 9, 2024, to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

Council President Rounds asked for a motion to excuse Councilman Kolezynski. Motioned by Councilwoman DeSouza; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak.

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

The Councilman is excused.

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 25, 2024 Parma Heights City Council Minutes
Councilman Haase motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of November 25, 2024.

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

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President Rounds continued with Reports from Mayor and Directors, we will begin with Recreation Director Bacci.....

Recreation Director Bacci: We have heard back from the National Wildlife Federation and Mayor Gallo has been accepted and recognized another year for her Monarch Pledge. She is one of only four Mayors that has completed her pledge.

We will have stories with Santa on Saturday, December 14th, first sitting at 10:00 a.m. and the second sitting at 12:00 p.m. We will be doing crafts and pastries instead of the "Breakfast with Santa" this year. We have soccer and summer baseball registration coming up quickly this year, you can find all of the sports activities on MyRec beginning on January 5th.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Director Bacci? Seeing none. Safety Director Scharschmidt....

Safety Director Scharschmidt: On the police side of things, there will be a Captains exam this Saturday. We have 4 Sergeants that are taking that test. The Exam will be conducted by the Ohio Chiefs Association. It's an important position and we are excited to promote the next Captain. On the Fire Departments side of things, Chief Bernard and Assistant Chief Clark are working on a Knox Box program for residents. We are working on an affordable

program for residents that will allow the police and fire to store in our CAD when responding to the residence, we will have code so we don't have to force the doors open.

Chief Bernard added that in the past we had a residential program but it's been a bit high priced, so I've reached out to other area departments and looking at a more affordable program for our residents. I am looking into the Knox Box program now. The resident would purchase the box for approximate \$40-\$50 depending on what the resident chooses. It would be shipped directly to the resident. The resident then would call us, we either install it or hang it for them and then we will have a universal key that would give us access to the box. Or they could choose a combination box, either one would give us another level of security. Hoping to roll that program out the beginning of next year.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked how people would be notified of the program or is there a sign up?

Director Scharschmidt responded that the Chief is coming up with a pamphlet.

Chief Bernard added that we will give the pamphlet out during all of our ambulance calls, it will be on the city's website and we will advertise on Facebook as well.

Council President Rounds asked if there is a limit to how many boxes you would have available for residents? Can you talk me through the process?

Chief Bernard responded that the resident would reach out directly to the company, they would purchase it and have it shipped directly to them. They would reach out to the Fire Department and say "I'm ready to have my keys placed in my Knox Box and have it hung". We would go out, open the box, insert the key, make sure everything is secure. Make sure CAD is aware, CAD is through our 911 dispatch. They would alert Fire or Police that there is a Knox Box on the property when a call comes in.

Councilwoman Durichko commented that I absolutely love that you are offering this program. As a Geriatric Nurse, I know how traumatizing it could be to have an accident, laying on the floor, be confused and then to have the departments come through the door. That is a double whammy to have someone kick in the door. This is awesome.

Director Scharschmidt stated that one individual was more concerned about how she was going to secure the door after an event, you're right this is an awesome program. Thank you.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Director Scharschmidt? Seeing none. Service Director Sepik.....

Service Director Sepik: Leaf collection has resumed this week. We had a couple days off due to the snowfall last week. We have received several compliments on clearing the roads. We will continue with leaf collection as long as weather permits. We are in section 2 now. There will be a delay in garbage pick-up for Christmas and New Years. Christmas trees will be collected, they are part of yard waste, so you can put them out whenever you need to and they will take them.

Council President Rounds added there was a comment on Facebook, about the conditions of Parma Heights roads, after the snowstorm and how bad they were. There was something like 40 comments after that that said "what are you talking about, my street is done, they came down my street at 4:30, they came down my street 6:15". Resident after resident clarifying what was actually happening. This also compares what is being done in the cities around us, so kudos to the crew.

Councilwoman Durichko added that her husband works in a neighboring municipality and he called me and said our streets are amazing, I told him to call the director and let him know.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none. Law Director Schneider, nice to see you....

Director Schneider added it's a pleasure to see you. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays and a safe return in the new year. I've had the privilege of working with many of you, from some of your volunteer work on commissions and I've also had the worked with the Directors here with me. Some of them for a short period of time, at least one of them for a very long period of time. Grateful for that time together, and the work that we've done together. Grateful for these great directors.

Council President Rounds continued to Mayor Gallo.....

Mayor Gallo: The Senior Center has served and/or delivered 1,362 meals in the past two weeks. They have a very busy schedule for the month of December. On the 14th they will be participating with Stories with Santa, on the 21st they are going out for breakfast and then to Petitti's to take pictures with Santa, on the 22nd they will be seeing Annie at the Cassidy Theatre and dinner at the Club House, the 23rd they will be holding a white elephant gift exchange, extra meals will be provided on the 23rd since the Senior Center will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I want to make a point to acknowledge our Service Department. They continue to do a great job on the streets year after year. We have great first responders, not just Police and Fire but the Service Department for keeping up on the streets to make sure the Safety Services are able to get through. Final reading of the budget is before you tonight. Thank you for your service. Wishing you all a Happy Holidays.

Council President Rounds: Thank you, mayor, any comments or questions for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: We have a request from Sammy's 42nd Tavern LLC, 6249 PEARL RD., Parma Heights, OH 44130. Chief Czack has submitted her documentation that states that she sees no reason to have any concerns about this request and recommends passage. I will make a motion to approve the Liquor Permit for Sammys 42nd Tavern LLC, can I have a second? Seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak.

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

Motion Carries

Council President Rounds: We also have a request from Showdown Billiards LLC, 6887 W. 130th Street, Parma Heights, OH 44130 for a liquor license as well. Chief Czack has submitted her documentation that states that she sees no reason to have any concerns about this request and recommends passage. I will make a motion to approve the Liquor Permit from Showdown Billiards LLC, can I have a second? Seconded by Councilwoman Palmisano.

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

Motion Carries

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: Please state your name and address clearly for the Council Clerk to hear. This is not a time for discussion or a back and forth but it's an opportunity for you to be heard in this public forum. Notes are being taken by council and the administration. Please address all of your comments to me as your Council President. You will have 3 minutes to speak with Clerk Allen keeping the time. Is there is anyone who would like to speak this evening.

Melonie Rak – I am the Chief Program Officer for the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. We are making our rounds to council meetings in our county to re-introduce folks to Cuyahoga DD and talk about any potential partnerships we could have in the communities going forward. Our mission is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in their chosen communities. We support more than 14,000 people with developmental disabilities in Cuyahoga County and we served more than 230 right here in Parma Heights last year. 2/3's of our \$15 million dollar budget comes to us in a \$3.9 million continuous levy that was last passed by the voters in 2005. From birth through adulthood, we support people with DD to live their best lives. We provide all kinds of therapies, such as physical and speech. We are helping people use different levels of technology, to live more independently. Recently in 2023 we launched a program called CSU Rise, this gives students with disabilities a typical college experience while ensuring that they are supported in anyway they need help. Next year we are opening our first tiny home. It will help provide the independence they are looking for in their own affordable home yet give the comfort of being close by to other people and support staff.

Council President Rounds asked if there were anyone else that would like to make a public comment?

Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview. I would like to begin by wishing Councilwoman DeSouza a happy belated birthday. I wanted to talk about the trees that are going to be planted. Especially the ones in my ward. Three of them, Service Berry, Red Choke Berry and Cherry Dogwood. Each one of these trees have highly acid fruits on them. They attract birds, deer and they are about the size of cherry tomatoes. Are they going to be planted on the parking side of the street or on the hydrant side of the street? I would suggest the hydrant side of the street, because if you're parking your \$50 thousand-dollar new vehicle under these there will be a lot of damage to vehicles.

Council President Rounds thanked Mr. Koch and asked if there were any further comments, seeing none. We will continue on to our Legislative portion of the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council President Rounds made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending or imminent court action. Seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak.

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

Motion Carries

Council President Rounds announced that council will move to Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

LEGISLATION

2024 - 65: 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, Maruschak, Haase, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 65**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1189 ENTITLED “REGISTRATION REQUIRED COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds: We are going to put a hold on this to comply with the Public Hearing which is scheduled for January 13th, 2025.

2024 - 66: 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: Palmisano, DeSouza, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 66**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1191 ENTITLED "TYPE B FAMILY DAY-CARE HOMES" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds: We are also going to put a hold on this ordinance to comply with the Public Hearing which is scheduled for January 13th, 2025.

2024 - 81: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 81**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN OPT-IN NATURAL GAS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.27(A)(1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, JOINTLY THROUGH NOPEC AS A NOPEC MEMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds: This is the third reading for this ordinance. Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none. I move for passage, seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak.

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

Ordinance Passes

2024 - 82: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 82**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE NOPEC OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING AN OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AS A NOPEC MEMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds: This is the third reading for this ordinance. Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Palmisano moved for passage, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Ordinance Passes

2024 - 83: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 83**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 743 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, "FROZEN DESSERT PEDDLERS" TO PROVIDE FOR A REVISED CHAPTER OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION CODE

Council President Rounds: This is the third reading for this ordinance. Are there any questions or comments?
Seeing none.

Councilwoman Maruschak moved for passage, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Ordinance Passes

2024 - 86: 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: Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 86**

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, 2025 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds: This is the third reading for this ordinance. Are there any questions or comments?
Seeing none.

Councilwoman DeSouza moved for passage, seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak.

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

Ordinance Passes

2024 - 92: ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Council President Rounds motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to read the following ordinance by title only.

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 92**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WITHIN THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2024 - 93: 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 Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 93**

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

2024 - 94: 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, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Palmisano, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 94**

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 asked for a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

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

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

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

Resolution Passes

2024 - 95: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Council President Rounds motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to read the following resolution by title only.

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 95**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSENT TO THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE HENRY SCHEIN SETTLEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC LITIGATION, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR THE HENRY SCHEIN SETTLEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds asked for a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Council President Rounds asked if there are any questions or comments on this resolution? Seeing none. I will move for passage, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Resolution Passes

2024 - 96: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 96**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSENT TO THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE TARGET SETTLEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC LITIGATION, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR THE TARGET SETTLEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Durichko asked for a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Haase

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

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

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; Sectioned by Councilman Haase to move for passage.

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

Resolution Passes

2024 - 97: 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, Maruschak, Haase, Durichko, Rounds

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCENO. 2024 - 97**

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 2024-35, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman DeSouza asked for a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

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

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

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

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

Ordinance Passes

ADJOURNMENT

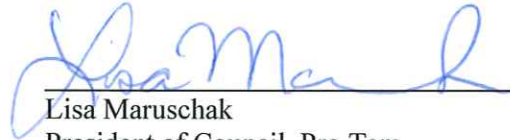
Council President Rounds asked for a motion to adjourn? Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Palmisano to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Lisa Maruschak
President of Council, Pro Tem