

**CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Robert Sepik at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Johnson, McCall, all present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

DeSouza reported the Finance Committee reviewed expenditures in the amount of \$825,695.60 two of those items were pay-rolls adding up to almost \$600,000.00. There was another payment for the Parma Park Project and that is the majority of the payments, we are still on a spending freeze.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve November 23, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Koch, abstain, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Johnson, McCall, Kolasinski, yes.

Sepik stated that we are going to make a variation in the way we do things tonight. We have a couple of true heroes amongst our Parma Heights Residents and we want to honor them this evening.

Byrne stated I thought everyone here was to welcome the new Mayor and new Council (laughter). We have two proclamations this evening to present to Dee Karder and Joyce Waltz. (Proclamation attached to minutes)

Chief Sloan stated that this is a team effort and we do this everyday, but we do not have an outcome like this everyday. That is what makes this so special I know that this touches the guys that were there. Three of the Firefighter/Paramedics that were there on the 13th are here tonight. The team of Tim Mokolic, Jeff Demetruiis, Steve Clark, and not with us tonight Jason Bowman. (Applause) You might not be able to tell by my looks that I am a little older than them I have been doing this just a little longer than them and this is an unusual event. The important part was the teachers at Pearl Road started without that the outcome undoubtedly could have been different. Citizen CPR is the most important in the chain of survival, so we encourage all of you to take a CPR class. You may not be able to take a class every two years, you do not lose it, it's like riding a bike. We offer CPR classes at the Fire Station and it is especially important for community organizations such as teachers or day care workers have CPR training.

Patrick Yarman, Principal of Pearl Road stated he would like to thank the rescue squad that was out again today for a different reason. This was truly a team effort if all The Pearl Road staff that were involved please stand-up they could not be up here without you. (Applause) Mr. Nagy was unable to make it he is at home studying diligently for a stress test tomorrow. I just chatted with him and a huge thank you on his behalf.

Sepik stated we are truly blessed to have a fantastic Fire Department they go above and beyond what they have too. At this time if anyone involved with the Proclamations we would love for you stay, but you are welcome to leave at this time.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Verdile read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

Verdile read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1394.06 (INSPECTION FEES) OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Verdile motioned seconded by Sepik to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Johnson, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, all yes.

RULES SUSPENDED.

Verdile stated that passing this it puts the City in line with similar Cities such as Fairview and Parma in regard to the cost of inspection fees.

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Verdile motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

Roll Call: Sepik, DeSouza, Johnson, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, all yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-1.

Kolasinski read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

Kolasinski read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-26 (AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CONTROL PHOTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM) SECTION 315.06(CIVIL PENALTIES) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Kolasinski motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: DeSouza, Johnson, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, all yes.

Kolasinski stated that this clarifies section B 1A and it is A specifically in that all traffic violations not listed in sub-sections B, C, and D have a certain fine. The old language simply stated under sub-section A all violations \$100.00. This is needed to clarify section 315.06 B1A.

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments.

George Doyle, 6024 Deering Avenue stated in the paragraph late payment it seems to me it says you have thirty days to pay it and if you do not pay it there is a twenty dollar addition. How can you differentiate you have some time period to become delinquent. I am surprised you missed that Ralph.

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Pokorny stated that I am not sure I understand your question.

Doyle stated the question is if you get fined \$20.00 and you do not pay it in thirty days you become late, then you are assessed another \$20.00 from the initial date of mailing. How can you have that it comes out to be the same date?

Kolasinski stated that I believe what Mr. Doyle is pointing out is that both late payment penalties originate from the same date of mailing the ticket.

Pokorny stated that language was supplied to us by RedFlex which was drafted by a law firm in Columbus that they used that is standard throughout the State. I need to check into that Mr. Doyle.

Sepik motioned seconded by McCall to table Ordinance until Mr. Doyle's question can be properly answered.

Roll Call: Johnson, McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, all yes.

ORDINANCE TABLED.

Gary Holodnak, 6030 Pearl Road asked the hundred dollar fine is that nine miles or is the fine for one mile over?

Sepik stated that it is up to nine miles per hour.

Holodnak asked if someone is going twenty six on Pearl Road is that a \$100.00 fine?

Rob stated that it could be, but most of the violations are above nine miles an hour I can confirm that with the Police Department and find out what the norm is with writing tickets. We are going to have them set it at ten miles an hour on main streets, in a school zone it may be five or six miles an hour.

Holodnak stated if your language does not state that then who determines if I am going thirty eight on Pearl, which I am not against these cameras do not get me wrong. The verbiage I heard you can give me a \$100.00 fine for twenty six in a twenty five zone. There has to be a definition other wise you are talking about a case by case basis on tickets that are going to generate \$ 800,000.00 to \$ 1,600,000.00 a year.

Rob stated that what we do not want to do limit yourself you have to have this kind of language

Holodnak stated that with the red light camera that is a formula they either are or are not.

Rob stated we do not want to limit what we can do with this and we do not want to set precedence. The police will be reviewing every violation and they have to certify the violation back to RedFlex before the ticket is sent.

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Christina Farinella, 6836 Beresford asked is this both for tickets issued by Police Man and for the cameras?

Sepik stated this is different this is a civil violation. Police physically giving you a ticket is not a civil violation.

Farinella stated in her experience in the City of Cleveland you do get a ticket for one mile over for whatever is set in that area.

Doug Schuster, 6824 Oakwood stated in regard to the dates wasn't it stipulated that up to fifteen days to review and put this ticket in the mail thus then you have two to five days to mail it in you have lost a huge chunk of your thirty days. This point came up in the original discussion was on how we view this date.

Sepik stated it is from the date of mailing, The Police Department will have the opportunity to review the tickets. You are issued you from the mailing date.

Kathleen Kyler, 6908 Beresford stated originally when Council passed these cameras and vans we were only supposed to use the vans in school zones.

Sepik stated no that is what Parma is doing. The mobile unit will be wherever the City seems fit for the safety of the children and residents.

Kyler asked is the second red-light camera been determined and where will it be?

Sepik stated the second location will be explained by Rich Rob.

Rob stated the second location will be Ridgewood and Denison that was determined last year.

Kyler stated of course it is.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

Bill Litten, Recreation Director reported a reminder for soccer registration for spring session is Thursday, January 28th and Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. here at City Hall. You may know I am a teacher for thirty years and I can tell you how proud of those people for what they did. It is so nice to see those teachers work so well together and save someone's life it is awesome.

Judy McLaughlin, Senior Director reported that on Wednesday we are celebrating one of our biggest luncheons that we serve at the Senior Center it is clean my desk out day. The is one of the largest ones we have there, because it is everything that has been donated to me from companies or residents and you would not believe what I get. It is fun to see if you have the opportunity it is at noon on Wednesday.

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Rich Rob, Safety Director reported the last meeting there was a question about yellow lights at the intersections where the RedFlex cameras will be. The Engineer and myself we referenced The Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which is about this thick. The references indicate the yellow change in intervals for traffic signals should have three to six seconds. I think it was Mr. Holodnak that said they lower the yellow so it is easier to catch people going through. I called RedFlex they said they would be out of business if they did that. The representative from RedFlex told me that The State of Ohio requires any place where there is a red-light camera to extend the yellow by one second. The engineer has not heard of that, but RedFlex said that is what they got, so instead of decreasing it and trying to catch more people we are actually extending it.

Rich Wasosky, City Engineer reported this Thursday will be the advertising for bid for Mandalay, Doxmere, Calamie, Kings Highway, and Amrap for the replacement water lines. The bid opening will be the last Friday in February. Parma Park Blvd. will be having all the asphalt stripped off this spring, and Independence Blvd. the contractor should be back March 1st to complete the project.

Koch asked will there be any signs put up for people who go in between these streets that there is so much construction going on? I know Parma Park has been like a baha for people who live there and for people who drive through. Is it possible to have a notification or a detour or something to give people a heads up?

Wasosky stated we have a barrier and a sign at each intersection stating that the road is closed with a wooden barrier there.

PUBLIC SESSION

The recorder malfunctioned during Public Session.

Gary Holodnak, 6030 Pearl Road praised the Fire Department for all the great work they do.

Donna Marchese, 6453 Lawnwood Avenue spoke in regard to wards and the benefit it will add to the City. Donna also spoke in regard to The Parma Heights Charter and the hard work and dedication they had to the residents in regard to the changes made.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Sepik to adjourn.

Roll Call: McCall, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Johnson, all yes.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

Jennifer Krepina
Clerk of Council

Robert P. Sepik
Council President

