

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

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

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to excuse Councilman Verdile.

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

**COUNCILMAN VERDILE IS EXCUSED.**

DeSouza reported The Finance Committee reviewed expenditures in the amount of \$854,645.62. As you will find out later in the meeting we have a new Finance Director so we are getting some new policies and procedures in place which is exciting. We do not though have our normal summary of expenditures tonight so we will be catching up on that. I know there was payment for construction and payroll things like that. If anyone wants more details, let me know until we get more on track.

Mayor Byrne stated that he would like to appoint Elaine Crow to the Recreation Commission. Elaine and her husband Fred have three children and live at 6908 Greenleaf. They have been residents of Parma Heights since 1991. They are members of Divinity Lutheran Church Elaine currently works with the Parma City School District. She has been affiliated with Valley Forge Athletic Boosters for ten years and Valley Forge Football Boosters for nine years. It is very important that you consider her appointment immediately. Mr. Sebes is in the process of applying for a grant that will tie in two neighborhoods on Lexington Green and Nick Radlick Park. This is a \$35,000 grant with no contributing match from the City. It is vital to his application that the Commission meets and we are down one member on that Commission and this would bring us back up to speed and help with the process of the grant.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to accept Elaine Crow to The Recreation Commission for the unexpired term.

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

**ELAINE COOK APPOINTED TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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Kolasinski motioned seconded by Sepik to read Ordinance by title only.

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

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Kolasinski motioned seconded by McCall to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Kolasinski explained that this is the section of our code 315.06 Civil Penalties if a motor vehicle is recorded by an automated traffic control photographic system while being operated in violation of this chapter.

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Kolasinski motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-2.**

**REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS**

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Terry Hickey, Personnel Director reported we have received depository bid agreements from banks we have done business over the years and also one new depository. The banks have received agreements from are Key Bank, Huntington National Bank, National City Bank, Fifth Third Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, and Star Ohio. This is for the time period beginning February 14, 2010 through February 13, 2016. Mr. President I would ask that Council adopt and designate these depositories for our public funds. Key Bank is our lead Bank it has our general account and our pay-roll account. Huntington National Bank is the depository for our Recreation accounts. National City is the depository for our Court accounts. Fifth Third Bank is the depository for our Income Tax and Ambulance account. Star Ohio is the State run investment pool that we participate in when we have funds that are available for investing. I ask Council to approve these banks as depositories for the City.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to accept the designation of Key Bank, Huntington National Bank, National City Bank, Fifth Third Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, and Star Ohio.

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

**KEY BANK, HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, NATIONAL CITY BANK,  
FIFTH THIRD BANK, J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK, AND STAR OHIO  
ACCEPTED AS DESIGNATED DEPOSITORIES.**

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Judy McLaughlin, Senior Director reported that two years ago we began a partnership with Cuyahoga County Library and this Thursday at 1:00 we will have a guest speaker on herbology they will talk about medications, herbs, and spices. They provide us wonderful speakers and we usually get a hundred people or more so if anyone is interested they are free to come.

Joe Sebes, Community and Economic Development Director reported that on February 1<sup>st</sup> the City of Parma Heights applied for a grant application with Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for a recycling newsletter to promote recycling. This is the fifth year we have done this and we have been very lucky and fortunate with it. It is based on the printing and postage paid for through the grant program with no match funds. We should hear back within a month to see if we were rewarded it or not. That one is for \$3,494.00 and includes all printing and postage to mail it out City wide to promote recycling. On January 20<sup>th</sup> the City of Parma Heights was contacted by Marion Richards Scott she is a Principal Planner for Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. She contacted us regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program that they are in charge of. This is a Federal Program they have approximately 6 million coming to them and three million they are going to offer to municipalities out there to conduct energy audits to save on energy costs and it will take a year to do that. On February 22<sup>nd</sup> I will be conducting a block grant public grant for Radlick Park Fitness Trail and your participation and support is appreciated. The Store Front Renovation Project will open up again on March 15<sup>th</sup> and that is through the County.

Kolasinski asked how does the Parma Heights rank in comparison to other Cities in regard to that last grant?

Sebes stated that Parma Heights the first year was number one with putting together projects and last year we tied with Maple Heights. We do not have to compete with other cities for this grant.

Johnson stated we appreciate your aggressiveness in getting these grants.

Rich Rob, Safety Director reported one of our school guards passed away on Sunday Mr. Schuster he worked on Friday and passed away on Sunday. He was a happy individual who never missed a day. The RedFlex van has been delivered it is a Ford Escape and it is a hybrid since it has to be running all the time. The Fire Chief had a hip replacement and is recovering at home.

Rich Wasosky, City Engineer reported Springwood has been fixed up and next week it should be open to traffic.

Joe Tal, Service Director reported that the Service Department has done a wonderful job with the snow removal.

Byrne introduced Michelle Bowens as the City's new Finance Director. (Applause)

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Michelle Bowens, Finance Director reported she is glad to be here and is looking forward to getting a good balanced budget.

Bob Verdile had a tribute to Ann Kilbane Wing read. (Attached to minutes)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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Kevin Covell, 5923 Calamie Drive asked if the Work Session Minutes could be posted on web-site they have not been up-dated. Covell asked if the theatre was up on their payments and is requesting that the Ordinance for the trash fees be read three times.

Sepik stated that Work Session Minutes are the last thing to be done and the Ordinance will be read three times.

Byrne stated the theatre is all caught up on payments.

Kathleen Kyler, 6908 Beresford wants to know why the light will be at Ridgewood and Bennigton how was that intersection chosen.

Rob stated that it was not his decision it was the previous Mayor it was off the information from the County with traffic counts and from the Police.

Kathleen Kyler, 6908 was Independence and York Road considered? The history at that intersection is dangerous.

Rob stated that it was.

Sandy Menon, 6234 Stratford Drive is having a problem with her neighbor snow blowing snow onto her home. She has called the Police and the neighbors are rude and will not cooperate. The City's Newsletter even addressed this issue, but can the newsletter go out earlier in the year to address this issue. Please help to address this.

Sepik stated that still call the Police.

Rob stated you are correct calling the Police; two things happen when you call they come to your home and they have a record of the incident with enough incidents the prosecutor can take action against them.

Dale Maxwell, 6835 Beresford asked what the update is on the Speedway at Pearl and 130<sup>th</sup>

Byrne stated I have not seen an update since I have been on Council they are supposed to be doing renovations but we have not seen anything yet.

Rose Marie Fulcher, 6838 Maplewood wants to know what the update is on Mr. McGill.

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Byrne stated that McGill has filed bankruptcy; I am meeting with Mr. Stavole our Law Director next week so he can bring me up to date on the Corner Stone Project.

Barb Mazzola, 6029 Edgebrook has researched something on recycling and found that picking up recycling is less expensive than picking up rubbish. This is why recycling should be mandatory.

Sepik stated that he would like to look further into recycling to save on the tonnage of the rubbish.

Tom Kocka, 12335 Huffman stated how critical it is to keep snow and ice off of your outdoor gas meter.

Kathleen Kyler, 6908 Beresford wanted to know why there are road closed signs on Independence and they are becoming an obstruction with all the snow piled on them.

Wasosky stated that all those roads over there including Independence is closed to thru traffic.

Rob stated that those signs had to be in compliance with the traffic code manual.

Mike Cafasso, 7772 Beresford recently moved from Toledo the street plowing here is wonderful not sure if they know what plowing is in Toledo.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Sepik to adjourn.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.**

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Jennifer Krepina  
Clerk of Council

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Robert P. Sepik  
Council President

