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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 that the Finance Committee reviewed expenditures in the amount of \$576,247.16 of that \$450,694.22 was pay-roll, \$65,240.00 electric was \$6,668.00 and fuel was \$6,673.00.

Sepik stated that before I move to report from The Planning Commission the Mayor would like to present.

Byrne stated that we would like to represent some Pitch, Hit, & Run winners from the City of Parma Heights. Before Tom Moran takes over during the discussions during the rubbish fees discussion one thing that was brought up on a continuous basis were people volunteering in the City. I would like to acknowledge that we had numerous people that wanted to volunteer with the Pitch, Hit, & Run. Mr. Kirk Cutler and Mr. Joe Stavole were brought to our attention from Mike Messina he coordinated with Tom Moran. Mike and his son and daughter also volunteered along with Joanie and Tommy Moran. Without the help of the volunteers we could not have accomplished this and for the first time for the event it went really well.

Moran stated that like the Mayor said it was very successful we had about eighty participants for the Pitch, Hit, & Run competition which is very good especially for the first year. We are going to give out a pitch winner, hit winner, and run winner of every age group and an over-all winner.

7-8 Age Group

PITCH WINNER-Nicholas Schmook  
HIT WINNER-Nicholas Schmook  
RUN WINNER-Kaitlyn Ciammaichella

OVERALL WINNER  
Nicholas Schmook

9-10 Age Group

PITCH WINNER-Caden Crouse  
HIT WINNER-Jake Case  
Vinnie Zubal  
RUN WINNER-Mara Cordon

OVERALL WINNER  
Caden Crouse

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11-12 Age Group

PITCH WINNER-Tim Steimle  
Tyler Sasse  
HIT WINNER-Allen Bollam  
RUN WINNER-Tyler Sasse

OVERALL WINNER  
Tyler Sasse

13-14 Age Group

PITCH WINNER-Marissa Impala  
HIT WINNER-Jake Oblak  
RUN WINNER-Jonathan Schmook

OVERALL WINNER  
Marissa Impala

Verdile reported The Parma Heights Planning Commission met on April 7, 2010 with the following considerations:

Consideration of a new business, Internet Café, LLC, 6369 Pearl Road. Application made by The Palms International, John Damico. TABLED

Consideration of a new business, Car Boutique, 6550 Pearl Road. Application made by Khouni Group #5. TABLED-applicant not in attendance.

Discussion concerning a proposed Patio, Rookies Bar 6913 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street.

Sepik motioned seconded by Verdile to approve the March 8, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

**MARCH 8, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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Koch read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

Consideration of an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH CLEAR WIRELESS LLC TO CO-LOCATE ON THE CITY'S

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT GREENBRIAR COMMONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Koch motioned seconded by McCall to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Koch stated this Ordinance allows the City to contract with Clear Wireless, LLC to work off of our towers.

Koch asked if there were any questions or comments.

Eric Clink, 6602 Big Creek Parkway asked if they rent that space from the City.

Koch stated yes.

Kolasinski stated that they pay us \$6,640.00 a year.

Koch motioned seconded by Sepik to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-11.**

McCall read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

McCall read an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH CLEAR WIRELESS LLC TO CO-LOCATE ON THE CITY'S COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT NATHAN HALE PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

McCall motioned seconded by Johnson to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

McCall explained this is another lease agreement that will allow Clear Wireless to co-locate at Nathan Hale and the yearly lease is \$26, 640.00 per year paid in a monthly installment.

Verdile stated that there is also a 3% increase as it goes by yearly.

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

McCall motioned seconded by Sepik to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-12.**

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Johnson read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

Johnson read AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1193.01(h) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (YARD STRUCTURES AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Johnson motioned seconded by McCall to suspend the rules.

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

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

Johnson explained this will be used to the front of an elevation to determine the fence height.

Johnson asked if there were any questions or comments.

Tom Kocka, 12335 Huffman concerned with the wording he feels that this could be creating a problem with the height of fences.

Byrne explained that the problem is with people mounding and then putting up a fence, this is to prevent putting a six foot fence on top of the mound.

Pokorny explained that this came up through a case in Summit County a homeowner did mound and put up the fence and when it was challenged the court ruled that the Ordinance did not cover that and the fence got to stay.

Johnson motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-13.**

Sepik motioned seconded by McCall to table item #9 on the agenda.

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

**ORDINANCE TABLED.**

**REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS**

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Tom Moran, Recreation Director reported that there is a senior program at the Neo Soccer Facility on Tuesday and Thursday there are great activities for seniors. Karate has started and we have 16 people signed up already and are hoping for 20. We are thinking of offering for yoga, and have started a community garden and Kurtz Brothers will be donating to the garden.

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Joe Sebes, Community and Economic Development Director reported that we have been notified that we received a Community Development Block Grant for Radlick Park fitness trail and all the contracts have been just need to be sent back to us and we can go out to bid. We also have some commitments from the House of Representatives, the City and some private entities that will help fund this.

Rich Rob, Safety Director reported the Police Department has been out testing the Reflex van and hope to start using it in the next week. There will be a two week period with warning citations will be issued and then will be the regular citations.

McCall asked do we have up-dates on the street surveys that were taken by Redflex?

Rob stated that I talked with Redflex today and they had to change Ridgewood and Denison and so it should be about a week or so and they will let me know where they will put the cameras.

Rich Wasosky, City Engineer reported that the north lane of Independence Blvd was poured last Friday and the north intersections will be this week weather pending. Parma Park Blvd the intermediate asphalt has been installed and we are currently raising the manholes to grade and when that is done we will service course on and doing the landscaping. Anita and Valley Forge water mains are under review with the Cleveland Water Department and will hopefully get approved this week.

Mayor Byrne reported effective Friday our Service Director Joe Tal is retiring and in an interim basis the Service Director will be Michelle Teresi. We are very fortunate to have someone as competent and knowledgeable about the position. My. Hickey is currently wearing two hats as the Personnel Director and Finance Director and has been invaluable. I would also like to read the following Resolution for Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (Resolution attached to these minutes).

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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Rose Fulcher, 6838 Maplewood Drive stated her concern for another patio on West 130<sup>th</sup> and where will the patio be attached to that bar? The bars are such noise makers what can be done I have called the police and the bar manager.

Verdile stated that is under discussion in Planning and he needs to bring further drawings to the Commission.

Sebes stated that nothing has been approved for this bar and they are looking to put the patio in the front.

Rob stated that there are rules in regard to noise and the police do go there and they are supposed to turn off the speakers at 10:00 P.M.

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Tom Kocka, 12335 Huffman stated there is a gentleman interested in getting a booth for Weekend in the Commons. The second thing is I was at Ganley today at 130<sup>th</sup> and Pearl and the manager gave some tips on Integrity and I think we should maybe look at our Ordinances and see if we are being overly restrictive.

Sepik stated that as of now the parade and Weekend in the Commons is cancelled.

Sebes stated we have been working very hard to fill Integrity and we have been working with Detroit to get a dealer and we have had some retailers looking at it.

Donna Marchese, 6453 Lawnwood Avenue stated in regard to the Ward Issue passing instead of hiring someone why don't we look at a volunteer group to look at the City. We have the City divided into six districts for rubbish pick-up so you can look at that and do some beginning planning. This way when the census is in there should be minor adjustments.

Mayor stated that I feel that this is Council responsibility and I think they will take a look at this and do there research. If Council feels they are not capable, then I would sit down with the Council President at getting together volunteers. I have all the confidence that Council will come up with a solution.

Marchese stated that I hope that council will begin now and not wait until next year.

Sepik stated that we are going to schedule Work Sessions for wards we will not sit on this we will move forward rapidly.

Gary Holodnak, 6030 Pearl Road stated that this City has always had the Memorial Day Parade you have to think about all the people that died for me to be here and bitch and you can make bad decisions. That parade barely costs anything and I do not think anyone tried to get donations and that parade makes this City look like a community. You spit on everyone who died and this is ridiculous and no one knows the parade is cancelled.

Byrne stated that is my decision and the reason I made that decision is we have a 1.8 million dollar deficit. I have already come to the residents and asked for the rubbish fee and I have taken 11% cut from non-bargaining I am going to the unions for concession and Council is giving back money and I have given back 11%. I am still worried we are in survival mode to finish the year out and have very little carry over for next year. I have spoken to the church and it has been 175 years that there ceremony has been in existence not the parade the parade has had breaks and I have researched that, because it is not an easy decision. We are still having the ceremony at the church and a recognition ceremony at the cemetery those are vital to the residents and to veterans I am very sensitive to that. The parade can cost any where from \$10,000 to \$19,000. We are very strapped right now the parade has been cancelled and Weekend in the Commons has been

cancelled. We have pulled back on everything this year and I am still extremely concerned where we will end up at the end of the year. I apologize to every veteran and the ceremony will still be at the church and cemetery.

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Holodnak stated that little bit of money cannot make that much difference in the budget it cannot possibly. Everyone in this room needs to make an effort to raise the money. The Police are damn good men and they could have volunteered or done it on vacation time.

Byrne stated that I appreciate all your input, but it is false. The contracts are contracts and we have to abide by the contracts. I wish we had the flexibilities that is why there is a variable in how much it was going to cost. I have already laid off the auxiliaries and there is no correction officers they have been laid off we only have the Patrolmen. Parma wanted to do a 5K run that would have came through the city and we cannot staff it. They volunteered to staff it, but because of grievances they are re-routing the 5K.

Holodnak stated that I have not seen the cancelling of the parade anywhere and I read the paper everyday so how could people have been raising money when no one heard about this.

Byrne stated that Mr. McCall and Mr. Doyle had put a group together and they did get some donations but the amount they brought in was too small to what was needed.

Donna Marchese, 6453 Lawnwood stated that in relation to the press what can the city do to get in the Sun Post every week. I agree with this gentleman I heard nothing of this. What can we do to get a reporter here? The other question is why is it taking so long to get the cameras in so we can get money.

Byrne stated that with the Sun News we gave him five press releases last Monday. I meet with a gentleman every Monday at three o'clock. One of the press releases had to do with the cancelling of the parade. I would have thought it would have been in the paper last week out of the five releases only one was in the paper. I have talked to Mr. Yachanin who is the editor and I thought he did a great job covering the wards. We can only do so much. He has told me like with anything else they are taking on more it is not just Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills. They are now covering Brooklyn and Independence. Brooklyn is having some difficulty which they feel warrants a little more attention. I will continue to make it as easy as I can to have access to me and to Council. In regard to RedFlex and the cameras there has been a delay due to the fact that the mobile unit now has to be manned. To man the unit will create overtime and we do not have the staffing to leave an officer in the van. We are allocating the money to get an officer in the van.

Doug Schuster, 6824 Oakwood asked what about the camera for York and Pearl why is that camera not up and running?

Rob stated that the RedFlex has to do a survey on the intersection and they are coming out to do the surveys. We have been working on getting the cameras for about 18 months, but RedFlex has only been here with us for about 4 months.

Byrne stated that the first time they came out they inputted the wrong the data so they had made the mistake not the City. We are doing everything in our power to encourage RedFlex to come back out and get the information that is needed.

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George Doyle, 6024 Deering Avenue stated that Jim McCall and I raised money for the parade, but when I heard the figure of \$17,000 I did not want to ask the businesses or individuals for money.

Verdile stated that as a cancer survivor I am very passionate about the Relay for Life so I wish all survivors would participate. Anyone who wants to be involved please call Jennifer in the Council office.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Sepik to adjourn.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:54 P.M.

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Jennifer Krepina  
Clerk of Council

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Robert P. Sepik  
Council President