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The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Lesley DeSouza at 8:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

DeSouza motioned seconded by McCall to excuse Councilman Sepik.

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

COUNCILMAN SEPIK EXCUSED.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Gallo to approve the May 23, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

MAY 23, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

DeSouza reported that the Finance Committee reviewed expenditures in the amount of \$ 1,715,516.76

A brief summary of expenditures:

\$ 18,128.00 Building and Service repairs

\$ 802, 252.04 Construction expenses

\$ 7,792.99 Legal fees

\$ 4,796.82 Office & Building supplies

\$ 605,051.86 2 Payrolls & PERS

\$ 16,295.95 Recreation supplies

\$ 94,746.69 Safety forces/services

\$ 50,915.08 Salt

\$ 22,833.57 Vehicle expenses

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Verdile reported the Planning Commission met on June 1, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consideration of additional sweepstakes terminals for Internet Sweepstakes Café: 6370 York Road. Application made by Hiep Tram. Tabled. Applicant to resubmit a parking and tenant plan.
4. Discussion of application process for the City of Parma Heights Planning Commission.
5. Adjournment.

Kolasinski asked what is the tenant plan?

Neff stated they wanted the tenant lease area and the parking agreement. They are asking to use additional parking so the Commission wants to know what kind of toll it could take on the rest of the shopping center.

Verdile stated we are also looking at new forms for businesses to submit to Planning that are more informative.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Kolasinski to amend the printed agenda for Item #5A.

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

Item 5A added to the printed Agenda Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2011. (Attached to these minutes)

Councilman Kolasinski read the minutes into record.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

Tom Moran, Recreation Director reported that baseball and T-ball have begun their season. The pool opened and the attendance and pool passes has been wonderful. Tyler Sass won the regional competition from the pit, hit, & run and he qualified there and this Saturday goes to Progressive Field to compete and if he finishes in the top three he has the opportunity to go to the all-star game.

DeSouza wanted to know the age of Tyler.

Moran said he is in 7th grade so around 12.

Judy McLaughlin, Senior Center Director reported that the Farmer's Market coupons ran out in two days.

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There were 147 coupons distributed and now there is a waiting list. Western Reserve will do a month end tally if there are any extra coupons we are hoping to get them.

DeSouza asked is it one certificate per person for the entire season.

McLaughlin stated they get \$50.00 worth and they can use it at the local Farmer's Markets. We give them a brochure where they can go and there is a mobile market that comes to the Senior Center.

DeSouza wanted to know if they have to spend the certificate all at once.

McLaughlin stated they do not they have till October 31st to spend the coupon.

Dan Neff, City Engineer reported the gas company is finishing up they just need to rap up the other side of Kingsdale. The Stumph Road Project proceeding but they will be planning to close the road at the end of July for safety concerns.

DeSouza wanted to make sure they will not be detouring through residential streets.

Neff stated they will not the detour goes around Snow Road.

Michelle Teresi, Service Director reported the community shred event will be Saturday June 25th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Service Garage.

McCall asked about the flooding yards in the city and if anything can be done.

Teresi explained this is just been a really bad year with all the snow and then the heavy rains it was more than what the sewers were able to handle.

McCall wanted to know when the tree lawns will be repaired from the Water Department Project.

Teresi said they have begun patching and they should be working on his street shortly.

DeSouza wanted to know when Stumph will be totally closed.

Neff said he has a meeting this week and will have a date and there will be a weeks notice to everyone.

DeSouza wants to make sure that people will not be using the side streets as a cut through.

Neff stated they will take all precautions that does not happen.

Mayor reported Mr. Hickey and Mr. Sebes are on vacation they will be back next week if you need anything from them. The Speedway station has finally been torn down and thanks go to Michelle Teresi, Dan Neff, and Tom Kelly for making this happen.

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Mayor announced that today a Memo of Understanding on four items was signed. This like the Brooklyn deal will have Parma Heights sharing services and equipment between the Parma Heights and Parma Police Departments.

DeSouza wanted to know if we are still going to use North Royalton.

Mayor explained that when need be we will still use North Royalton and Bedford Jail.

DeSouza would like to be able to use Parma's K-9 unit in the future.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Verdile motioned seconded by McCall to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Verdile read AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1301.03 OHIO RESIDENTIAL CODE SECTION 401.3(B) STORM DRAINAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This is the 1st of 3 readings.

Gallo motioned seconded by McCall to reading the following Ordinance by title only.

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

ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Gallo Read AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NOTIFICATION OF FORECLOSURE FILING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This is the 1st of 3 readings.

McCall read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

McCall read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC. FOR THE USE OF SANITARY SEWER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

McCall motioned seconded by DeSouza to suspend the rules.

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

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McCall explained this is an agreement for the use of the sanitary sewer line.

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

McCall motioned seconded by Verdile to approve the Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-13

Koch read the following Resolution in its entirety.

Koch Read A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE APPLICATION FOR STOCK TRANSFER CONSENT OF PARMA HTS. BEVERAGE & DELI DRIVE LLC FILED ON APRIL 20, 2011, FOR PERMIT PREMISES AT 6369 PEARL RD. PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO 44130, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Koch motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

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

RULES SUSPENDED.

Koch explained this is a Resolution objecting to the transfer of this liquor license.

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

Koch motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION PASSES. RESOLUTION IS 2011-7

PUBLIC SESSION

Donna Marchese, 6453 Lawnwood Avenue wanted to know where Council is at with passing legislation to prevent smoking in the parks and at the Reservoir.

DeSouza wanted to do a Work Session in regard to this issue.

McCall wants something done in regard to smoking in the park.

George Doyle, 6024 Deering Avenue would like to know who owns the reservoir.

Pokorny stated that it is owned by the City of Cleveland.

Neff stated the property is Parma Heights property we just do not own the cite.

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Lenny Rock, 6768 Ackley Road would like the city to put up a stop sign by the park, there have been to many close calls with speeding cars.

DeSouza knows the area perfectly and agrees something needs to be done. That area has been looked at for a stop sign and at that time it did not fit the criteria for a stop sign.

Neff said he will look into getting a stop sign there due to the park it may change the circumstances with the criteria.

Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar Drive has been fighting for three years something to be done with the traffic issue at Greenbriar and Bennington. Rob stated he felt Kolasinski amended the agenda for the evening for the purpose that he saw Rob there and wanted to read the Safety Committee Minutes. Councilman Kolasinski and Councilwoman Gallo have come to his home and have seen the poor traffic conditions. Rob either wants the street closed or to make it a local access only street. He feels the City put up illegal stop signs there to solve the traffic problem and they are not working. Rob will be consulting an attorney and putting the city on notice.

Mayor stated that Rob's neighbor had requested the mobile unit be placed in his drive and it was explained to them from the Chief the distance is to short so the mobile cannot work over there. We have had patrol over there and the complaints have gone down in that area. The Mayor stated that Rob was the Safety Director when those stop signs went up and the other residents in the area are saying they are making a positive difference. There are other areas in the city that from the reports we have gathered are much more of a problem. Council has done their due diligence in this because what decision they make there may impact other areas.

DeSouza stated that in all fairness it was read that there has been a decision made and this issue is not being passed from committee to committee.

Rob asked in the past three months since the last meeting what has been done to correct my problem.

DeSouza stated that made the recommendation to enforce the area with the local law enforcement.

Mayor stated there has been an emphasis on that area.

Rob stated that will never work.

Mayor stated the problem is that what we are doing is not what you want done. I and Council have gone over this problem in many different ways and feel this is the best course of action. The traffic flow has not changed since you have moved into that house.

Rob feels if the street is local access only it would eliminate around 400 cars a day.

Mayor said there was a petition taken in that area and the residents did not want that.

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Rob stated that someone is going to be killed over there and you are faced with all these reports and the fact you have illegal stop signs.

DeSouza wanted Rob to know she has also been to his house to observe the traffic flow there and saw no more traffic than she sees on Ackley and Springwood.

Gallo wanted to address the comment in regard to Kolasinski changing the agenda because of you being here. In fairness Kolasinski he contacted the Clerk this morning to ask it be read into minutes this evening.

Verdile is not opposed to local access only, but is not sure that it will work.

Kolasinski stated that he recalled that Rob wanted the closure of that street studied and that was the single issue you brought to the Safety Committee which was surprising because you changed your position.

Rob stated that the ideal one is the closure of the street, but would have been happy with the signs and again it has been three months and nothing has been done.

Pat Pekarek, 11661 Appleton stated that the Parma Heights Centennial Committee is trying to get a brochure printed up with the history of Parma Heights with where we were 100 years and ago and where we will be in the next 100 years. In order to pay for the publication we are selling commemorative bricks that will hopefully be placed around the Toll House. One Councilmember has shown interest in this project, so we are hoping for all of Council to back us.

Gallo wanted to know if there was a draft of the book that Council could look at.

Pekarek stated it is not ready yet it is being worked on.

Paul LaRocco, 6836 Commonwealth is concerned about the foreclosures in the city and the safety of the empty houses. Is the city contacted when the house goes into foreclosure?

Teresi stated that we are working on an Ordinance that if an individual does file for foreclosure they would have ten days to contact the city with contact information for the property.

LaRocco also wants to know when his tree stump will be ground it has been on the list for along time.

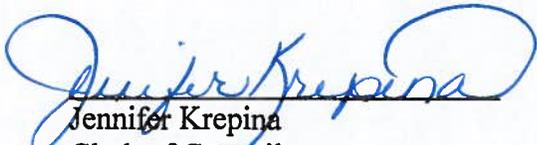
Teresi stated she will take his info and get back with him.

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Gallo motioned seconded by DeSouza to adjourn.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06 P.M.


Jennifer Krepina
Clerk of Council


Lesley A. DeSouza
President Pro-Tem

**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2011**

**Ralph Kolasinski, Chair
Lesley DeSouza
Marie Gallo**

Mike Pokorny-Asst. Law Dir.

The Committee convened at 7:15 p.m. to review a request by resident Rich Rob to close Bennington Drive at Greenbriar.

Taken into consideration by the committee was the following information:

- 1.Memo from Fire Chief Sloan to Mike Pokorny dated May 6, 2008.**
- 2.Report from Police Chief Teel to Mike Pokorny dated May 13, 2008.**
- 3.Traff-Pro Consultants, Inc letter to Richard Rob dated June 25, 2008.**
- 4.Interoffice Memorandum from C. Anthony Stavole to Mayor Zanotti dated August 12, 2008.**
- 5Memo from Garry Lauter to Chief Teel, directed to Richard Rob dated September 17, 2008.**
- 6.Memo from Bernie Walls to Uniform Patrol, directed to Richard Rob dated September 18, 2008.**
- 7.Memorandum from Mike Pokorny to Mike Byrne dated November 2, 2008.**
- 8.Letter from Dan Neff to Mayor Mike Byrne dated February 22, 2011.**

Also taken into consideration was information received from Chief Teel, Chief Sloan and Dan Neff at prior meetings.

Upon consideration of the above mentioned items the Safety Committee determined to recommend to the members of City Council to request of the Mayor/Safety Director to continue to enforce the traffic laws on Bennington Drive.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ralph Kolasinski
May 23, 2011**