

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to excuse Councilman McCall.

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

**COUNCILMAN MCCALL EXCUSED.**

The meeting was suspended and Mr. Hickey presented the 2012 Tax Budget.

Sepik asked for any questions or comments.

DeSouza wanted to know what get sent down the justification of the numbers or is it just a cover sheet.

Hickey stated the Tax Budget is about a six page document that basically list summary figures.

Sepik motioned seconded by Verdile to adopt the 2012 Tax Budget in the amount of \$ 3,613,418.00

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

**THE 2012 TAX BUDGET IS ADOPTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 3,613,418.00.**

The Council meeting is resumed.

DeSouza reported the Finance Committee reviewed expenditures in the amount of \$ 631,411.26.

A brief summary:

2 Payrolls & Pension	\$ 550,479.78
Recreation	\$ 3,637.00
Safety Forces	\$ 21,912.00
Legal Fees	\$ 6,000.00
General Office Supply	\$ 1,760.00



**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

Roll Call: Sepik, DeSouza, Gallo, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 readings.

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

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

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

Gallo motioned seconded by DeSouza to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Gallo explained this Ordinance requires someone to register with the city so we know the property is in foreclosure. The city then is able to make sure the property is maintained to prevent the decline of the neighborhood.

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

Gallo motioned seconded by Koch to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSED. ORDINANCE IS 2011-14.**

Gallo wanted to thank Michelle Teresi for bringing this to Council this is a way to be proactive.

Gallo motioned seconded by DeSouza to read by title only.

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

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**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Gallo read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) FOR TECHNICAL TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Gallo motioned seconded Koch by to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Gallo explained this is an agreement between Parma and Parma Heights to share resources for technical traffic crashes.

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

Gallo motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-15.**

Gallo motioned seconded by DeSouza to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Gallo read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) FOR SHARING OF SERVICES FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Gallo motioned seconded by DeSouza to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Gallo explained this Ordinance allows Parma and Parma Heights to enter into and understanding for shared services for criminal investigations.

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments.

George Doyle, 6024 Deering Avenue asked if we are giving up our Police and Fire Department and this information needs to get to the people who do not come to meetings.

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Sepik stated we are not losing our Police or Fire Departments this is just a cost effective way for us to do business. We will get this information on the City web-site for residents to view.

Gallo motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-16**

Kolasinski read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

Kolasinski read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREATER CLEVELAND AUTO AUCTION, PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Kolasinski motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

This was reviewed at the lat Mayor's Caucus on June 20<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and Mrs. Teresi explained that the four vehicles that would be auctioned and removed from service are aged and in poor condition.

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

Kolasinski motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-17**

DeSouza motioned seconded by Koch to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

DeSouza read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF PARMA FOR A JAIL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Sepik to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

DeSouza explained this will allow Parma Heights Police to share the jail facilities with at the City of Parma. We already use Parma this will now be in a contract; we also use North Royalton Jail.

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

DeSouza motioned seconded by Koch to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-18**

DeSouza motioned seconded by Gallo to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

DeSouza read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT WORK IN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL GRANT OF JANUARY 2011, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Gallo to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

DeSouza explained the City has obtained a grant in the amount of \$ 217,770.00 and this authorizes the Mayor to allow City buildings to be more efficient.

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

DeSouza motioned seconded by Gallo to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-19**

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

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

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**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Koch read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR ACKLEY BLVD. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE 2, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Koch motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Koch explained this will allow the City to move forward with the grant money we received of \$150,000 to repair Ackley.

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

Koch motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-20**

Koch motioned seconded by Gallo to read the following Ordinance by title only.

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

**ORDINANCE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Koch read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR PARMA HEIGHTS CITYWIDE RECREATION & COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Koch motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Koch explained this is another wonderful opportunity for the City to use grant money for a great project with the community garden.

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

Koch motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2011-21**

Koch motioned seconded by Sepik to read the following Resolution by title only.

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

**RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

Koch read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DANIEL J. NEFF, THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE ACKLEY BLVD. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE 2 PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Koch motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

Koch stated this is self explanatory.

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

Koch motioned seconded by Verdile to approve the Resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION PASSES. RESOLUTION IS 2011-8**

DeSouza motioned seconded by Gallo to read by title only.

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

**RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

DeSouza read A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING R.J. PRIEST AND ASSOCIATES THE MUNICIPAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TO PREPARE THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE PARMA HEIGHTS CITYWIDE RECREATION & COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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DeSouza motioned seconded Gallo to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Gallo, Kolasinski, all yes

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

DeSouza stated this is self explanatory this allows the City Architect to prepare plans for the Community Garden Project.

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

DeSouza motioned seconded by Gallo to approve the Resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION PASSES. RESOLUTION IS 2011-9**

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve a new liquor license # 0737403-C Blackout Cat Incorporated DBA Black Cat Bar & Grill.

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

Gallo commented that as long as the Police Department does not object I agree.

Verdile stated he agrees with Gallo

DeSouza stated we rely on the Police Department and there thoughts on this.

Sepik stated she had made some past mistakes and has committed nothing since 1992 so along with recommendation from the Police Department it is so passed.

**LIQUOR LICENSE #0737403-C BLACKOUT CAT INCORPORATED DBA  
BLACK CAT BAR & GRILL APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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Rich Rob, 9676 Greenbriar in regard to putting up no smoking signs they are not enforceable and there is not an Ordinance to back the signs up. The Chief stated he will not respond to a call if someone calls the station to report a smoker.

Sepik stated that I will say that anytime I or anyone I know has called the Police they have always responded and have always been polite.

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Rob stated he has asked for signs that are enforceable and has been told that would be tough to do. There is a city sign on city property that says through traffic prohibited to protect a merchant how is the city enforcing a through traffic sign on private property. Rob wants the Planning Commission notes from when that sign was passed.

Gallo stated that she made it very clear to the Recreation Director during the Work Session that the smoking signs would be courtesy signs. Council objects to an Ordinance banning smoking completely for the reason we would not expect the police to enforce it.

Rob stated this will still burden the police and cause confusion.

Gallo stated we have looked into other cities courtesy signs and I am confident that administration can handle it.

Rob asked who is going to go over there and stop the confrontation between people.

Gallo stated they are not enforceable they are just a please be courteous sign and to reiterate the rules of the Recreation Dept.

Rob states he feels this will just cause confusion.

DeSouza if there is going to be an altercation for smoking it is going to happen whether there are signs up or not.

Rob states this will cause confusion and feels it is a waste to spend money on them.

John Ciammaichella, 6787 Greenleaf stated that as the Baseball Commissioner and as a long time coach anytime any smoker has been asked to back up there has never has been a problem.

Thomas Chuck, 6404 Beverly Drive stated there is a similar sign by the drug store and I have brought it up once before and they said the sign was outdated and just not removed. Chuck thinks the city should have an ordinance that puts restrictions on smoking in the parks.

Sepik stated at this point the signs are a first step and see how people react and if people still continue Council in the future at a no smoking ordinance.

Chuck wanted to know about the ashtrays.

Sepik stated there are no ashtrays but it does not keep them from smoking. We can always get people for littering if they are throwing the cigarettes all around.

Mayor stated he would like to address Mr. Doyle who brings up about getting the news out to the residents since most of them do not come to Council Meetings. The people who are here please pass the word this administration is working on getting shared services with other cities.

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The Sun Post asked me about the city merging with another and I told him that has never been discussed the cities are just forming partnerships to help each other.

Thomas Chuck, 6404 Beverly Drive stated the latest partnership with Parma and Parma Heights was on the news and in the newspaper.

Scotty Mason, 6392 Stratford wanted to know if the Mayor's Newsletter is getting dropped due to costs.

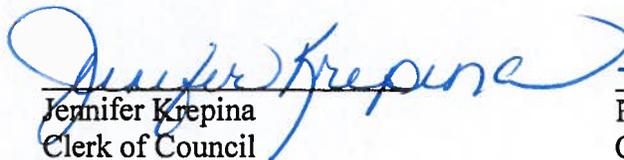
Mayor stated that due to costs it has been greatly cut back and we discussed the budget for next year and I would like to go back to quarterly next year. This year there were two we were hoping that the web-site was going to be more helpful, but residents are used to the newsletter.

Mason stated he would like more than four a year maybe you could post a letter up here more often and people could come here and read it.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Gallo to adjourn.

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

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

  
Jennifer Krepina  
Clerk of Council

  
Robert P. Sepik  
Council President