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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, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Gallo, McCall, all present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Sepik recognized the Veteran's and applauded them for their service.

Verdile reported that the Finance Committee reviewed expenses in the amount of 933,491.31. A brief summary of expenses:

City Payroll	\$ 388,171.52
Fabrizzi Trucking & Paving	\$ 346,347.25
Police Radio Equipment	\$ 59,554.02
Ohio PERS	\$ 32,635.39
Wichert Insurance	\$ 17,417.00
(Cities liability Ins.)	
Petroleum Trader's Corp.	\$ 9,182.15
(Fuel for City Vehicles)	

Kolasinski reported The Safety Committee met on September 13th, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 27, 2010  
Parma Hts. City Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Ralph Kolasinski, Chair  
Lesley DeSouza (excused)  
Marie Gallo  
Robert Sepik  
JoAnn Koch  
Jennifer Krepina-Clerk of Council  
Mike Pokorny, Asst. Dir. of Law  
Police Chief Teel

Agenda:

**Internet Cafes**

A discussion with respect to the issue was had by the individuals in attendance. Miss Gallo expressed her concern that the cafes were paying cash prizes. Miss Teresi provided a list of the cafes in the city. Chief Teel indicated that the cafes have not caused the police to be called to any disturbances. Mr. Pokorny reviewed several ordinances that have been proposed by other cities.

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The Committee discussion concluded by requesting the Legal Department to provide an amendment to Ch. 751 of the Codified Ordinances of Parma Hts. and to provide an entirely new Chapter to address multiple issues raised by the cafes.

Nuisance Abating

A brief discussion was conducted by the attendees and it was unanimously concluded that the Committee would rely upon the rules and regulations found in the Ohio Revised Code and the E.P.A. to regulate outdoor fires.

The Chair advised Chief Brian Sloan by phone on October 1, 2010.

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Monday, September 13, 2010  
Parma Hts. City Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Ralph Kolasinski, Chair  
Lesley DeSouza  
Marie Gallo  
Mike Pokorny, Asst. Director of Law  
Fire Chief Brian Sloan

Agenda:

Nuisance Abating

Fire Chief Brian Sloan addressed the committee regarding complaints from residents of objectionable smoke entering homes as a result of outside burning.

Mike Pokorny indicated that the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency have already enacted guidelines to assist with this issue and indicated that he would provide the committee members with copies of the relevant materials.

Internet Cafes

At a Mayors Caucus held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Mike Pokorny presented a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 751 of the Codified Ordinances of Parma Hts. This issue was directed for review to the Safety Committee.

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The issue was discussed and forwarded to an additional meeting so that Police Chief Teel and Service Department Director Michelle Teresi could be in attendance to discuss the issue.

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6:30 P.M. to 6:55 P.M.

Kolasinski, Gallo, Sepik (for DeSouza), Teresi, and special guest Mark Podany.

#### Wind Turbines

Legislation to regulate wind turbines was discussed regarding residential systems and commercial systems. Safety concerns for residential turbines include fencing, lead acid/hydrogen generation, haz-mat issues and ventilation issues. Gallo suggested a new chapter be added to the Codified Ordinances, as well as a chapter for Solar Energy Systems. Chairman Kolasinski requested information regarding Solar Energy Systems.

The recommendation is to forward this to the Law Department- Model off of Lakewood's wind turbine legislation, and legislation for Solar Energy Systems will be scheduled for a later date.

#### Internet Cafes

Service Director Teresi presented device charges from surrounding cities: average device charge is approx. \$ 50. Kolasinski recommended that this information be forwarded to the Law Department. Still waiting for the current code update and new chapter, which is being drafted by the Law Department.

Sepik motioned seconded by McCall to approve the October 25, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

#### **OCTOBER 25, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.**

At this time the Mayor has a presentation of proclamations for Larry Messich and Robert Nackowicz. (Proclamations attached to Minutes)

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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Koch motioned seconded by McCall to read Ordinance by title only.

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

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

Koch read AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS GRANTED IN SECTION 179.03(H), EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, LONGEVITY PAY, OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This is the second of three readings.

Koch motioned seconded by McCall to read Ordinance by title only.

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

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

Koch read AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS GRANTED IN SECTION 179.03 (d) (4) and SECTION 179.03 (d) (5), EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, INCENTIVE FOR CONSERVATION OF ANNUAL SICK LEAVE ALLOWANCES, OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This is the second of three readings.

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

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

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

Verdile read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR 2011, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Verdile motioned seconded by Sepik to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

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Verdile explained this is a yearly Ordinance that is passed so the Health Department can provide services to our community.

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

Verdile motioned seconded by McCall to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-26.**

McCall read the following Ordinance in its entirety.

McCall read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR & ADULT SERVICES FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$ 179,655.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

McCall motioned seconded by Sepik to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

McCall explained this is a two year contract that goes with a grant so that we can provide transportation and meals for people at the Senior Center.

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

McCall motioned seconded by Koch to approve the Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE PASSES. ORDINANCE IS 2010-25.**

Kolasinski thanked Mrs. McLaughlin on receiving the monies for the Senior Center.

Verdile wanted to go back for a moment and mention in regard to the Board of Health. He pointed out they have kept the same rate for our city 2009-2011. The rate for Parma Heights is \$ 3.70 and Summit County is \$ 10.49 and Dayton is \$ 32.00 so I commend the Health Board.

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McCall read the following Resolution in its entirety.

McCall read A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BIG CREEK WATERSHED BALANCED GROWTH INITIATIVE.

McCall motioned seconded by Verdile to suspend the rules.

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

**RULES SUSPENDED.**

McCall explained we are in the heart of the water shed. Last week during Mayor's Caucus we had Friends of Big Creek in and a rep from Lake Erie Commission. They gave a presentation of the effects of water run off in communities. We are looking to adopt the program to help the environment.

Sepik asked if there were any questions or comments.

Jerry Martin, 5964 Deering asked if these means the State is taking over the watershed and will be dictating what will happen.

Sepik stated this has nothing to do with this at all.

Martin asked who is in charge of this and what are the benefits?

McCall stated there are programs and incentives that the State offers if the city adopts this legislation. We are passing this to make sure we are eligible and good stewards to our community.

Martin wants to know who will research this.

McCall explained the research will be continuous anytime the Planning Commission gets together once this is enacted anytime they look at new development they will take the watershed into consideration.

Martin was concerned this was going to be the same as the water take over in Geauga County.

Sebes stated Friends of Big Creek is non-profit and this legislation helps them to receive grants.

Neff stated what Mr. Martin is referring to is called the Waters of the U.S. and that is all over. They do not own the properties they have the rights to enter the waterfront properties.

McCall motioned seconded by Koch to approve Resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION PASSES. RESOLUTION IS 2010-14**

**REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS**

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Tom Moran, Recreation Director reported flag football season just ended and it was very successful. On December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a baseball clinic with Joe Scharbano and Keving Roberg who played for the Indians. Recreation would like to expand some of the programs being offered and begin some new ones. All the information is available on the web-site.

Koch asked how many participants were there in the flag football program.

Moran said 52 kids on 6 teams.

Judy McLaughlin, Senior Center Director reported the kitchen at the Senior Center is back up and running after the fire.

Joe Sebes, Community and Economic Development Director reported in regard to Radlick Park we assembled the project with in kind work from the city and grant dollars. A.J. Petitti from Petitti's Garden Center donated 20 trees to the project which is wonderful.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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Sepik recognized some students in the Audience that were attending the meeting for there Media Reporting Class.

Barb Mazzola, 6029 Edgebrook would like to commend the Service Department for the signs that get put out to let you know when your leaves will be picked up.

Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere asked again for the dates of the baseball Clinic.

Harold Steinhauser, 10322 Manorford wanted to extend thanks to Council and the Mayor in their efforts for the library. He would also like to commend our safety forces in this city they do a wonderful job. Would like to have an update on the red light cameras and how legislation could affect them.

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Mayor said he believes you are referring to Garfield Heights and it is the mobile units that are in question. They get questioned when the unit is left with no officer. Parma Heights does not operate like that we always have an officer in the unit. The stationary cameras there are some concerns and our cameras are not up and running at this time.

Tom Kocka, 12335 Huffman would like to add on a state level there is potential legislation that may ban the stationary cameras, but not the mobile units.

Scotty Mason, 6392 Stratford Drive Would like an update on the library situation.

Sepik stated the Mayor is forming a committee to see what solutions they can come up with. We want to maintain the library and at its current location.

Mayor stated recently Councilwoman Gallo, Councilman Kolasinski, and I met with two of the board members of the library along with Congressmen Kucinich. The most important thing that came out of that meeting is there will be open communications and will try to move forward. They are receptive to our ideas and with working with us.

Jerry Martin, 5964 Deering Avenue would like to know why we do not have an independent library.

Mayor stated the residents here have always been supportive of the library levies and we have a lot invested in that library. It could be an option but not something we are looking at right now.

Tom Kocka, 12335 Huffman would like to know if Bob Barley is the same Bob Barley from East Ohio Gas, because I have worked with him. Dominion has been supportive with grants as much as Columbia Gas and they may be an avenue to check into.

Jerry Martin, 5964 Deering Avenue would like the path of the snow plow changed to put the snow on the Water Works Property. Can you please fix the rest of the repairs to Deering? Also what happened to the fence on Pearl Road by the cemetery?

Teresi stated it was damaged in a motor vehicle accident and we are getting estimates for repairs because it is an insurance matter for the individual who hit the fence.

Sepik motioned seconded by Gallo to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel related matters.

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**ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Council re-adjourned at 10:48 P.M.

Sepik motioned seconded by Gallo to adjourn.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 10:48 P.M.

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Jennifer Krepina  
Clerk of Council

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Robert P. Sepik  
Council President

