

**MINUTES  
MAY 2, 2022  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:03 P.M.**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Sean P. Brennan presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	MARK CASSELBERRY VITO DIPIERRO ALLAN DIVIS ROB EUERLE LINDA A. KOHAR KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL DEBORAH LIME KRISTIN L. SABAN KAMMY SHUMAN
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Mr. Ramser – Mr. Chairman, the Roll of Council has been called, and I find a quorum of Council Members present.

The following officials and department heads were also present: Mayor Timothy DeGeeter, Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Auditor Brian Day, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Tom Weinreich, Building Commissioner Paul Deichmann, City Engineer Hasmukh Patel, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Chief of Staff Rich Summers and Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser.

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**INVOCATION**

Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

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**DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

Mr. Brennan – Stated, you have before you the minutes from the April 18, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes? Stated, hearing none, the minutes will stand approved as printed.

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**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

Request made by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a C1 & C2 permit transfer from Sahar Inc. DBA Dairy Mart 6069 State Rd. to Sams Grab & Go Deli LLC 6069 State Rd. Mailed April 13, 2022. Responses must be postmarked no later than May 16, 2022.

Mr. Brennan – Said Liquor Permit was referred to Council and Safety Director.

Request to amend the Rules of Council to change the time of the Regular Council Meeting to 6:30 P.M. or following conclusion of Committee meetings, whichever is later.

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman, seconded by Councilman Casselberry to approve the change to Rule 3 of the Rules of Council as recommended by the Governmental Operations Committee of Council. Motion carried.

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**FIRST READING:**

RESOLUTION NO. 64-22

5/2/22

BY: K.L. SABAN  
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan – Said Resolution will be referred to the Finance Committee.

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ORDINANCE NO. 69-22

5/2/22

BY: M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Community Services/Economic Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER, BY QUIT CLAIM DEED, THE CITY-OWNED VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 5508 BRADLEY AVENUE (PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 443-19-067) TO THE PARMA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (PCIC), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Planning Committee.

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**SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 59-22

4/18/22

BY: D. LIME, V. DIPIERRO, A. DIVIS, K. SHUMAN  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE REGULATION OF FIREWORKS UNDER CHAPTER 1305 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 59-22 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

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**SECOND READING: SUSPENSION**

Mr. Brennan – Shall the Statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Resolution No. 56-22 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Motion carried.

BY: **K. SHUMAN, K. SABAN, D. LIME**, M. CASSELBERRY, L.A. KOHAR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO TRANSPORT INTO THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, FIREWORKS AND FIREWORK SUNDIRIES FOR A PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARMA RIB N ROCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 56-22.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Resolution No. 56-22 is adopted.

**THIRD READING:**

BY: K.L. SABAN, M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT CONCRETE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 49-22 as follows: In section 1 line 2 insert "Allied Asphalt Concrete" and on line 3 insert "per attached schedule"

Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 49-22 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 49-22 as amended.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 49-22 is adopted as amended.

BY: K.L. SABAN, M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE 2022 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 51-22 as follows: In section 1 line 2 insert "Crossroads Pavement Maintenance" and on line 3 insert "per attached schedule"

Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 51-22 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 51-22 as amended.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 51-22 is adopted as amended.

BY: K.L. SABAN, M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF TACK COAT AND PRIME COAT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 51-22 as follows: In section 1 line 2 insert "Crossroads Tack/Prime Coat" and on line 3 insert "per attached schedule"

Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 52-22 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 52-22 as amended.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 52-22 is adopted as amended.

BY: **A. DIVIS**, K.L. SABAN, M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT A TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR THE REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF PARMA AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ROYALVIEW DRIVE AND PECAN DRIVE (PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 455-15-009), TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) FOR STAGING PURPOSES FOR THE PECAN DRIVE STREAM BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 54-22.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 54-22 is adopted.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 67-22, Ordinance No. 68-22, Resolution No. 70-22, Ordinance No. 71-22, and Ordinance No. 73-22 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 67-22, Ordinance No. 68-22, Resolution No. 70-22, Ordinance No. 71-22, and Ordinance No. 73-22 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; motion carried.

BY: K.L. SABAN  
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS  
OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt  
Ordinance No. 67-22.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kusssmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 67-22 is adopted.

BY: **D. LIME**, M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, L. KOHAR, K.C. KUSSMAUL, K.L. SABAN,  
K. SHUMAN  
(By Request – Community Services/Economic Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 114-21 RELATIVE TO  
THE 2021 STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE  
REPLACEMENT OF ALL DESIGNATED BLIGHTED SECTIONS OF  
COMMERCIAL CURB, PUBLIC SIDEWALK, CATCH BASIN AND TREE  
LAWN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt  
Ordinance No. 68-22.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kusssmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 68-22 is adopted.

BY: K.L. SABAN  
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR'S POST CERTIFICATION  
OF REQUISITIONS AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT "A" AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt  
Resolution No. 70-22.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kusssmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Resolution No. 70-22 is adopted.

BY: K.L. SABAN  
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS  
WITHIN THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF  
PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 71-22.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 71-22 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 73-22

BY: K.L. SABAN

5/2/22

(By Request – Recreation Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (b) "RECREATION DEPARTMENT" OF SECTION 185.05 "FEES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE", SECTION (b) "RECREATION DEPARTMENT" RELATIVE TO SOCCER FEES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 73-22.

Yes: Casselberry, Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Shuman.

No: None; Ordinance No. 73-22 is adopted.

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

No one wished to speak.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – Stated that he will miss Service Director Higgins and that one of the many wonderful traits he has is his loyalty to the City.

Auditor Day – Stated that it was a pleasure to work with Service Director Higgins, thanked him for being such a huge asset to our City, and that he will be missed.

Law Director Dobek – Stated that Service Director Higgins had a huge job, and has done a lot for the citizens of Parma.

Treasurer Mastroianni – Thanked Service Director for his service.

Service Director Higgins – Stated that this would be his last meeting. The Service Director thanked the Mayor for the confidence he always had in him. He also thanked Council and his colleagues for all their support.

Safety Director Weinreich – Stated that it was an honor to work with Service Director Higgins who was very valuable to our City.

Recreation Director Vittardi – Stated how much Service Director Higgins cares for our City, and what he does. He also stated that Service Director Higgins is a true leader and feels blessed to be his friend.

Public Works Coordinator Tony Vannello – Stated that it has been an honor to work with Service Director Higgins.

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Councilman Casselberry – Thanked Service Director Higgins for his service, and stated how he was always impressed by how Service Director Higgins did his work.

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Councilman Dipierro – Thanked Service Director Higgins for his service. Stated that it was always a pleasure to work with him and he looks forward to working with Tony Vannello.

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Councilman Divis – Wished Service Director Higgins a great retirement.

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Councilman Euerle – Stated that he appreciated all Service Director Higgins has done.

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Councilwoman Kohar – Stated that Service Director Higgins always made her look good in Ward 8. She also stated that she looks forward to working with Tony Vannello.  
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Councilman Kussmaul – Congratulated Councilwoman Lime on Polish Constitution Day. He also expressed how much he enjoyed working with Service Director Higgins.  
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Councilwoman Lime – Thanked everyone for their help with the Polish Constitution festivities. She expressed how much work and time went into a great weekend. She also wished Service Director a Happy Retirement and thanked him for all his help.  
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Councilwoman Saban – Stated that Polish Constitution Day was a great event. She expressed her thanks to all the volunteers. She also expressed her thanks to the Mayor for the great idea of having the members of the Ukrainian Village walk in the parade. She also thanked Service Director Higgins for always making Council look good, and for always taking pride in his work. She stated that she is looking forward to working with Tony Vannello.  
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Councilwoman Shuman – Stated that Service Director Higgins is genuinely a great person, and always was fair to all. She stated that Service Director Higgins had a great team and was a great leader. She expressed how much she is looking forward to working with Tony Vannello.  
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Mr. Brennan – Congratulated Councilwoman Lime on Polish Constitution Day. Mr. Brennan also reflected on the 18 years he worked with Service Director Higgins, and stated that our City is where it is now because of Service Director Higgins and his dedication.  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 7:36 P.M. Motion carried.  
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**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kenneth A. Ramser, Clerk of Council for the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022.

/s/ Kenneth A. Ramser  
KENNETH A. RAMSER  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

/s/ Sean P. Brennan  
SEAN P. BRENNAN  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL