

MARCH 25, 2019
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PARMA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:28 PM

The Special Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Sean P. Brennan, presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: ROY J. JECH
DEBORAH LIME
LARRY NAPOLI
KRISTIN L. SABAN
BRIAN BROCHETTI
MARK CASSELBERRY
VITO DIPIERRO
ALLAN DIVIS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: DENNIS M. KISH

Mrs. Cross - 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, Assistant Law Director Tim Miller, Auditor Brian Day, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Thomas Weinreich, Director of Human Resources Renee Guy, and Deputy Clerk I Linda Cross.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

**The State of Ohio)
Cuyahoga County) ss: Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser: Greetings
City of Parma)**

WHEREAS, it appears that the public business of this City requires that the Council meet in Special Session to consider such business as may come before it, and,

WHEREAS, I have convened and do hereby convene said City Council to meet in Special Session on the 25th day of March 2019, at 6:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings time, at the Council Chamber in said City, to consider such matters as may come before it as fully and completely as might be done in regular session of said Council: -

- SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS AND BRING OUT ORD. NO. 163-18
- Waive Rules of Council
- Legislative Comment
- SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 163-18

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 163-18 (FINANCE) 9/4/18 L-163-18

BY: B. BROCHETTI

(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2019, TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Excuse Absent Members
- Adjourn

You are therefore commanded to summon: Mayor Tim DeGeeter, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Tom Weinreich, Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Auditor Brian Day, Council President Sean P. Brennan, Brian Brochetti, Mark Casselberry, Roy J. Jech, Kristin L. Saban, Vito

Dipierro, Allan Divis, Deborah Lime, Larry Napoli, Dennis M. Kish, and Kenneth A. Ramser, Clerk of said Council, to meet in Special Session as aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and have you then and there this Writ, with your return thereon in what manner you have executed the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate seal of said City to be hereunto affixed, this 22nd day of March, 2019.

/seal/

/s/ Sean P. Brennan
City of Parma COUNCIL PRESIDENT SEAN P. BRENNAN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

I, Linda Cross, of the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify that on March 22, 2019, I received the notices of a Special Meeting of Council, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that in accordance with the instructions given to me, I have served each person named in the notice with the notice by Electronic Mail (e-mail) with the notice on March 22, 2019, at 1:40 PM, which date and time is more than twelve hours prior to the time of the Special Meeting.

Signed Linda L. Cross
Linda Cross, Deputy Clerk I
City of Parma, Ohio.

DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime, seconded by Councilman Casselberry to dispense with the Regular Order of Business and to waive the Rules of Council in order to hold this Special Council Meeting. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

Council President Brennan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the piece of legislation Council would be taking final action on tonight. No one wished to comment.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 163-18 9/4/18 L-163-18

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Motion made by Councilman Brochetti, seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 163-18 by attaching Exhibit "A" and waive Rule 52 and to place amended Ordinance No. 163-18 on Third Reading for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime, seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt amended Ordinance No. 163-18.

Yes: Jech, Napoli, Saban, Brochetti, Casselberry, Dipierro.

No: Lime, Divis*; Amended Ordinance No. 163-18 is adopted.

*Divis – My vote will be "No" with comment: I want to express my appreciation to the Administration and to the Auditors office for their hard work in preparing the Budget. The main reason I find myself unable to support this Budget is because I believe we need to devote more resources to streets and street repairs. I do not want to speak for my colleagues, but the Number one issue facing our city is the condition of the roads. I hear this almost every day from Ward 5 residents. I will tell you

that I think Service Director Brian Higgins is like MacGyver using "paper clips and rubber bands" to keep the streets going as best he can. He does a great job with the resources we have but, unfortunately, we need more help. Our residents are demanding it. If we want our city to remain vibrant and to keep our residents and businesses in town, we need to do more. I would ask the Administration to consider a streets levy. I checked with the City Auditor's office and learned that we could raise approximately \$2,188,732.00 million per year with a 1.5 mil levy which would cost the taxpayers \$53.00 per year on a typical \$100,000 Parma home. The levy would last 5 years and in that time frame we would raise \$10,943,660.00 to be used exclusively for streets. And it would be renewable! With a plan like this we can start to catch up on needed repairs. Thank you.

REPORT ON ABSENT MEMBERS

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime, seconded by Councilman Casselberry to excuse Councilman Dennis Kish. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Napoli, seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said Special Council Meeting at 6:32 PM. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kenneth A. Ramser, Clerk of Council for the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify this as a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 25, 2019.



KENNETH A. RAMSER
CLERK OF COUNCIL



SEAN P. BRENNAN
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Completed on 3/28/19 llc

