

**MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:15 P.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: VITO DIPIERRO  
ALLAN DIVIS  
ROY J. JECH  
LINDA A. KOHAR  
DEBORAH LIME  
LARRY NAPOLI  
KRISTIN L. SABAN

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: BRIAN BROCHETTI  
MARK CASSELBERRY

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, Assistant Law Director Timothy Miller, Auditor Brian Day, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Thomas Weinreich, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, Recreation Director Mickey Vittardi, Director of Human Resources Renee Guy, Chief of Staff Rich Summers, and Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser.

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**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**VOICE VOTE:**

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2020                      9/21/2020                      L-139-2020  
BY: **D. LIME**, B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, R. J. JECH, V. DIPIERRO, L. KOHAR,  
A. DIVIS, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN

A RESOLUTION HONORING NATIONAL PIEROGI DAY  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Resolution No. 139-2020. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 141-2020                      9/21/2020                      L-141-2020  
BY: **D. LIME**, B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, R. J. JECH, V. DIPIERRO, L. KOHAR,  
A. DIVIS, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE PARMA AUXILIARY POLICE  
ON THEIR 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Resolution No. 141-2020. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Lime and Mayor DeGeeter presented the three Auxiliary Police that were in attendance the Resolution, certificates and proclamation. Thanking them for their time and services and asking to share with the other auxiliaries that could not be present.

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

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**DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

President Brennan – Stated that you have before you the September 8, 2020, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Asked if there are any additions or corrections? Hearing none, the Minutes will be approved as printed.

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**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

Mr. Ramser – Stated the Parma Auxiliary Police Annual Report-2019 will be on file in the Council Office.

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Mr. Ramser – Reconsideration and Amendment to variance for 6105 Broadview Road. Councilman Divis stated the below:

Mr. Chairman, at the Regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2020, the Proposal to Vary for the Applicant John D’Amico of the Great Garage Company, for the property at 6105 Broadview Road, to build a new detached garage greater in height than allowed by Code was granted as follows: The proposed garage would be 19’6” to 20’ in height depending on how the bricks lay. This variance would result in allowing height to be 4’6” to 6’ more in height of garage than allowed by Code. The height of the garage is to be 18’.

I move to Reconsider and Amend the Variance to read “The height of the garage shall not exceed 20”.

Motion made by Councilman Divis seconded by Councilwoman Saban to reconsider and amend the Variance. Motion carried.

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**FIRST READING:**

	RESOLUTION NO. 135-2020	9/21/2020	L-135-2020
BY:	D. LIME (By Request – Building Commissioner)		

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER TO INSTITUTE SUMMARY NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 443-20-075, 5421-23 PEARL ROAD, PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan stated that Resolution No. 135-2020 shall be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 136-2020 9/21/2020 L-136-2020

BY: K. SABAN  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENTS AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS IN CERTAIN PREMISES KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 445-15-001, AND 445-15-008, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan stated that Ordinance No. 136-2020 shall be referred to the Public Service Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 140-2020 9/21/2020 L-140-2020

BY: A. DIVIS  
(By Request – Community Services Economic Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER, BY QUIT CLAIM DEED, THE VACANT LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF PARMA LOCATED BETWEEN WOOD THRUSH DRIVE AND REGENCY DRIVE (PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 450-16-008; 450-16-009; 450-16-010; AND 450-16-019) TO THE PARMA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (PCIC), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan stated that Ordinance No. 140-2020 shall be referred to the Planning Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2020 9/21/2020 L-145-2020

BY: B. BROCHETTI  
(By Request – City Engineer)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE SPRAGUE ROAD IN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, BY PROVIDING THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS AS A PART OF THE SPRAGUE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan stated that Resolution No. 145-2020 shall be referred to the Finance Committee.

**SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 113-2020 9/8/2020 L-113-2020

BY: D. LIME

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 636.075 "CRIMINAL CHILD ENTICEMENT" IN CHAPTER 636 "OFFENSES RELATING TO PERSONS" OF PART SIX "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE PARMA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 113-2020 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 115-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-115-2020

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER, BY QUIT CLAIM DEED, THE VACANT LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF PARMA LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM LOCATED AT 6303 VELMA AVENUE (PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 443-23-012) TO THE PARMA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (PCIC), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Divis seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 115-2020 back to the Planning Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 116-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-116-2020

BY: D. LIME  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEMS FOR THE PARMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 116-2020 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 117-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-117-2020

BY: D. LIME  
(By Request – Building Commissioner)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER TO INSTITUTE SUMMARY NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 448-12-064, 6715 BROWNFIELD DRIVE, PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Resolution No. 117-2020 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 121-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-121-2020

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, 2021, TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 121-2020 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 122-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-122-2020  
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, 2021, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 122-2020 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 123-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-123-2020  
BY: B. BROCHETTI  
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES TO CERTAIN DESIGNATED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 123-2020 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 128-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-128-2020  
BY: D. LIME  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO HOUSE THEIR PRISONERS IN THE CITY OF PARMA DETENTION CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 128-2020 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 129-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-129-2020  
BY: D. LIME  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS TO HOUSE THEIR PRISONERS IN THE CITY OF PARMA DETENTION CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Napoli to refer Ordinance No. 129-2020 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 130-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-130-2020

BY: D. LIME  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS TO HOUSE THEIR PRISONERS IN THE CITY OF PARMA DETENTION CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 130-2020 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 132-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-132-2020

BY: L. NAPOLI  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) THROUGH THE COMMUNITY COST SHARE (CCS) PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN COST FOR THE MEADOW LANE HEADWALL AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Napoli seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 132-2020 back to the Public Service Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 133-2020                      9/8/2020                      L-133-2020

BY: A. DIVIS  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DONALD BOHNING & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE FENWAY DRIVE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Napoli seconded by Councilwoman Saban to refer Ordinance No. 133-2020 back to the Public Service 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 Ordinance No. 114-2020, Resolution No. 126-2020 and Ordinance No. 131-2020 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2020

9/8/2020

L-114-2020

BY: **D. LIME**, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) FILL STATION FOR THE PARMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Saban to amend Ordinance No. 114-2020 by inserting in Section 1 line 2, Breathing Air Systems for a total bid price of \$64,200.00, and change line 5 from \$15,199.91 to \$6,420.00.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Ordinance No. 114-2020 as amended.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban

No: None; Ordinance No. 114-2020 is adopted as amended.

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RESOLUTION NO. 126-2020

9/8/2020

L-126-2020

BY: **D. LIME**  
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Resolution No. 126-2020.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban

No: None; Resolution No. 126-2020 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 131-2020

9/8/2020

L-131-2020

BY: L. NAPOLI, R. J. JECH  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO UPGRADE THE SIGNAL TIMING AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON SR 176 (BROADVIEW ROAD) AT THE FOLLOWING INTERSECTIONS: ORCHARDVIEW DRIVE, EVELYN DRIVE, PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD NEAR THE MCDONALDS, RIDGEVIEW DRIVE AND HILLSIDE ROAD BY PROVIDING TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Ordinance No. 131-2020.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban

No: None; Ordinance No. 131-2020 is adopted.

**THIRD READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 109-2020                      8/3/2020                      L-109-2020

BY: V. DIPIERRO, D. LIME  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE REPAIR AND RESURFACING OF RIDGE ROAD FROM PEARL ROAD TO FLOWERDALE AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Ordinance No. 109-2020.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban

No: None; Ordinance No. 109-2020 is adopted.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Resolution No. 137-2020, Resolution No. 138-2020, Resolution No. 142-2020 and Ordinance No. 143-2020 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban.

No: None; Motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Resolution No. 137-2020, Resolution No. 138-2020, Resolution No. 142-2020 and Ordinance No. 143-2020 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban.

No: None; Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2020                      9/21/2020                      L-137-2020

BY: B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, V. DIPIERRO, A. DIVIS, R. J. JECH, L. KOHAR,  
D. LIME, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS" IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Resolution No. 137-2020.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban.

No: None; Resolution No. 137-2020 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2020                      9/21/2020                      L-138-2020

BY: B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, V. DIPIERRO, A. DIVIS, R. J. JECH, L. KOHAR,  
D. LIME, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS" IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY



Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Resolution No. 138-2020.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban.

No: None; Resolution No. 138-2020 is adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 142-2020                      9/21/2020                      L-142-2020

BY: D. LIME  
(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 Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Resolution No. 142-2020.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban.

No: None; Resolution No. 142-2020 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 143-2020                      9/21/2020                      L-143-2020

BY: D. LIME  
(By Request – Auditor)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adopt Ordinance No. 143-2020.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Jech, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban.

No: None; Ordinance No. 143-2020 is adopted.

Auditor Day explained the appropriations and the funds from the CARES act that are being reflected.

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**APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

Councilwoman Kohar – Stated, the Appointment Scanning Committee met to discuss the Reappointment of Patrick O'Connor to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. O'Connor's term expires on September 21, 2020. His new appointment will be for a five (5) year term ending on September 21, 2025.

Motion made by Councilwoman Kohar seconded by Councilwoman Lime to confirm the reappointment of Mr. O'Connor as recommended by the Mayor and the Appointment Scanning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

No one wished to speak.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – No comment.

Safety Director Weinreich – No comment.

Auditor Day – No comment.

Assistant Law Director Miller – No comment.

Councilman Dipierro – No comment.

Councilman Divis – No comment.  
Councilman Jech – No comment.  
Councilwoman Kohar – No comment.  
Councilwoman Lime – No comment.  
Councilman Napoli – No comment.  
Councilwoman Saban – No comment.

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**REPORT ON ABSENT OFFICIALS**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilwoman Saban to excuse Councilman Brochetti and Councilman Casselberry. Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Napoli seconded by Councilwoman Saban to adjourn said meeting at 8:02 P.M. Motion carried.

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**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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 of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2020.

*/s/ Kenneth A. Ramser*

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KENNETH A. RAMSER  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

*/s/ Sean P. Brennan*

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SEAN P. BRENNAN  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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