

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Brennan – Stated, you have before you the minutes from the December 20, 2021, Regular Council Meeting and December 29, 2021, Special Council Meeting. Asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes? Stated, hearing none, the minutes will stand approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Request received from Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a New D5 Permit to Anpurna, LLC, 7464 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio 44129. Mailed December 21, 2021. Responses must be postmarked no later than January 21, 2022.

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

Thank You Card received from the family of Chet Withrow for acknowledgment of his civic pride.

Mr. Brennan – Stated that Chet and Diane Withrow are fixtures here. Sadly, Mr. Withrow passed away and our Clerk put together a plaque that his hung in our Council Chambers in honor of him.

Mr. Ramser – Wished President of Council Brennan Happy Birthday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to go into Executive Session regarding Labor Negotiations.

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

No: None; motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to go into Executive Session regarding the Patrolmen’s Contract.

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

No: None; motion carried.

Council recessed to go into Executive Session at 7:22 P.M.

Council reconvened the Council Meeting at 7:47 P.M.

FIRST READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-22

1/18/22

BY: K.L. SABAN

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE CLERK OF COUNCIL AND THE CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL AS THE DESIGNEES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY TO PARMA TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING AS MANDATED BY STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4-22

1/18/22

BY: L. KOHAR, R. EUERLE
(By Request – City Engineer)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH THE RESURFACING OF WEST RIDGEWOOD DRIVE FROM RIDGE ROAD TO STATE

ROAD RESOLVING TO PAY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAGE AND ASSOCIATED WORK WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 225-21

12/20/21

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR SPECIAL MULTI-PERIL INSURANCE INCLUDING CONTENTS AND BOILERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No 225-21 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 227-21

12/20/21

BY: K. L. SABAN
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 227-21 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

SECOND READING: SUSPENSION

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 231-21 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 231-21

12/20/21

BY: K. L. SABAN, L. A. KOHAR, D. LIME, K. SHUMAN, M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LABORERS, LOCAL 860 REPRESENTING THE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL UNIT, FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 231-21 by accepting Exhibit "A". Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 231-21 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 231-21 is adopted as amended.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 221-21

12/6/21

BY: D. LIME, M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, L. A. KOHAR, K. L. SABAN
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT SIX (6) CHEVY TAHOES FOR THE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO BID PRICING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan – Asked, why did we not go through the State Cooperative Purchase Program?

Mr. Weinreich – Stated that it was publicly bid.

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 221-21 as follows: In the Heading and in Section 1, delete "UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO BID PRICING". Within Section 1, the first blank shall read "Statewide Emergency Products". The second blank within Section 1 shall read "at the bid price of \$98,300.00".

Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 221-21 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 221-21 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 221-21 is adopted as amended.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 3-22, Resolution No. 5-22, Ordinance No. 6-22 and Resolution No. 7-22 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. 3-22, Resolution No. 5-22, Ordinance No. 6-22 and Resolution No. 7-22 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-22

1/18/22

BY: D. LIME, M. CASSELBERRY, K. L. SABAN, A. DIVIS
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE PATROLMEN FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021, THROUGH

DECEMBER 31, 2023, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO
REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 3-22.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 3-22 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-22

1/18/22

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

Councilwoman Kohar – Questioned the large number of items on the Post Cert. Auditor Day – Stated that the first bill run of the year usually has a large number of items because of lot of Purchase Orders close out at the end of the year.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 5-22.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 5-22 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-22

1/18/22

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

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

Councilwoman Lime – Asked for an explanation.

Auditor Day – Stated that the first line item is for Engineering to pay C.T. Consultants and the 405 is to certify salt.

Service Director Higgins – Stated that the temporary appropriations didn't have sufficient funds to pay the invoice.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 6-22.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 6-22 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-22

1/18/22

BY: D. LIME, M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, L. A. KOHAR, K. L. SABAN, K. SHUMAN
(By Request – Mayor)

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL AND CUYAHOGA LAND BANK TO EARMARK FUNDS FOR DEMOLITION AND PROPER DISPOSITION OF ASBESTOS DEBRIS IN THE DEMOLITION OF THE CURRENT RIDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Kussmaul – Stated he understands why they are voting on it, but is there a plan for the long-term future for the clubhouse or golf course?

Law Director Dobeck – Stated that in the Spring of 2021 a citizens committee was put together to talk about how to resolve things with Ridgewood Golf Course. He and Dave Nedrich were co-chairpersons. They divided the tasks into three different sub committees, Finance, Operations and Facilities Committees, each tasked with different roles. They don't have a final report from the Citizens Sub Committee, but he was contacted by County Councilman Scott Tuma indicating that there were monies available for Parma to have a project including the demolition of the current clubhouse. They met with Councilman Tuma, his administrative assistant and a representative of the Land Bank. They were advised that these one-time only funds would be available, up to \$175,000 from the County Council and up to \$50,000 from the Landbank. According to Councilman Tuma, the City needed to act quickly in order to secure the funds. They indicated they wanted some type of official declaration from the city which is what will be voted on tonight to indicate that the city wants to go forward with the redevelopment of the clubhouse. The Service Director has been getting estimates for the demolition because it is known there is probably going to be asbestos in the building which requires a specific landfill for those contaminated debris. When the clubhouse is taken down, they will be operating from a temporary clubhouse. The ad hock will then make recommendations to the city and then the next step would be to send out a request for qualifications to have an architect present plans so the city can be involved in determining what the best course is for the redevelopment of Ridgewood Clubhouse.

Mayor DeGeeter – Stated that the Golf Course has made money over the last three years despite the handicaps and challenges that we have with the current facility. This is a good opportunity, we have been living on borrowed time.

Recreation Commissioner Vittardi – Stated he is very proud of the fact that the last three years in a row they have made money with the building being 97 years old. Thanked everyone for their involvement with the Committee. Stated that the new building will be an event center eventually that will benefit all residents of Parma, not just golfers.

Councilman Dipierro – Asked if the \$175,000 and \$50,000 is enough to cover the demolition?

Law Director Dobeck – Stated they don't know if it will be enough. There are estimates that are being obtained by the Service Director, but it is money that is available. If there is a difference that has to be paid, the city would look for other sources or pay it itself. To get \$225,000 at this time is a windfall.

Councilman Dipierro – Asked if there is a timeline for the demolition?

Law Director Dobeck – Stated County Council is meeting regarding their budget, and they wanted some sort of indication from the city what their intention was regarding the demolition of the building.

Recreation Commissioner Vittardi – Stated their hope is that it will be done in such a time to be as least destructive to the facility. The upkeep of the building is at a point now where they need to move forward with something else.

Councilwoman Lime – Feels they should be able to make money, with the new facility, where it will not be a burden on any budget or account.

Councilwoman Saban – Stated she will miss the history of the golf course, but looking at the building and roof recently, she looks forward to a new facility.

Councilman Shuman – Stated if they are getting the money, they can not pass it up.

Councilwoman Lime – Stated the committee also looked at what other golf courses do to continue to make money throughout the year. Stated a multi-purpose facility will make money throughout the year.

Councilman Euerle – Asked how the city will pay for another clubhouse facility?

Councilwoman Lime – Stated you take out notes, bonds and you pay for it with money you make from the facility. The Justice Center and Fire Stations were done that way. The Justice Center debt will come off in 2024 and the Fire Stations will come off in 2026.

Service Director Higgins – Stated the scary things about the building are the things you don't see. Twice a week a crew has to go and service the boiler because the boiler is hooked up to pipes that have been in the walls for a long time. The cost of taking the building down will be subject to the asbestos that needs to be removed. A company was there and advised him that there wasn't as much asbestos in the building as originally thought. He has not seen the report yet.

Mr. Brennan – Asked when will Council know what the total cost of demolition would be.

Service Director Higgins – Stated once he gets the asbestos report, he will have a better idea within a couple of weeks.

Mr. Brennan – Asked if we are competing against other cities?

Law Director Dobeck – Stated we are competing against other cities.

Councilman Kussmaul – Asked if the Committee pursued the possibility of a Recreation Center as well as a multi-use space?

Law Director Dobeck – Stated there is a consensus among the Committee that the replacement building will be intended to be a golf course clubhouse and event center. They have not looked and nor tasked with looking at a Recreation Center as well.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 7-22.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 7-22 is adopted.

PUBLIC SESSION

Michael Johns, 7401 Dogwood Lane – Commented on private snowplow contractors who do not comply with City Ordinances regarding plowing the snow onto the streets and sidewalks from residential driveways. Also stated there isn't a passable sidewalk in Dogwood Estates.

Officer Rick Morgan, Union Representative – Thanked City Officials for their work and public for their support. Stated it was nice to sit down with the Safety Director and attorneys and have it more lucrative than in the past. Their occupation as a whole is suffering. They are trying to collect officers that are struggling in other communities that are getting beat down more than them on a daily basis. Feels their contract is fair but isn't the best looking at other communities. Sometimes when other communities are making more, that decision to leave becomes easier for a Police Officer. Over the past two years they have lost at least five good Police Officers.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor DeGeeter – Thanked Officer Morgan and his leadership team for being professionals. Appreciated them working with the city and what they all do for us. Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle.

Service Director Higgins – Thanked the Police Department for their service.

Auditor Day – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Don't hesitate to contact him for assistance.

Law Director Dobeck – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Look forward to all of Council working together.

Treasurer Mastroianni – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. We have all worked well together in the past and will continue to in the future.

Councilman Casselberry – Thanked the service workers and safety forces for their hard work during the recent snowstorm.

Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Looks forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Dipierro – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Looks forward to working with everyone. Thanked the Police Officers and Service workers.

Councilman Divis – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Looks forward to working with them. We are all here to help each other. Thanked the Service Department for their efforts over the past couple of days.

Councilman Euerle – Welcomed Councilman Kussmaul as well. Thanked the Police Officers, and stated we need to find a way to retain and protect them like they protect us. Thanked the Service workers as well.

Councilwoman Kohar – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle.

Councilwoman Lime – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Looking forward to working with them.

Thanked the Police Department and safety for their prompt response to her texts regarding parked cars during the snowstorm.

Councilman Kussmaul – Thanked everyone for today. Stated he is excited to be a part of Council. Thanked the Administration for the prior meetings. He was fortunate to be able to do a ride along with the Police as well as Fire and shadowing in the dispatch center. Stated we have a lot of great people in the city that are in our safety forces and in our Service Department as well. Thanked the Service Director for taking his numerous phone calls. He is excited to work with everyone to better our City. Thanked his family for their support at this evening's meeting. Thanked former Councilman Napoli for his kind words at the last meeting in 2021.

Councilwoman Saban – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Looks forward to working closely with Councilman Euerle with the Quarry District. They have a committee that is ready to go. Looking forward to working with Councilman Kussmaul and Lime with We Are Parma Proud.

Thanked the Mayor and Chief of Staff for personally heading into Ward 4 today to review the streets.

Stated she appreciates the Police Department. Stated she never feels that she cannot pick up the phone and reach out to the Police. They are always there to help.

Councilwoman Shuman – Welcomed Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle. Thanked Officer Morgan for attending the meeting.

Mr. Brennan – Stated he met with both Councilman Kussmaul and Euerle. They both have hit the ground running. Looks forward to working with everyone through the current term to improve the quality of life for the residents. Asked about the budget worksheets.

Auditor Day – The worksheets were sent out today. The Mayor’s Office and Finance Chairman Saban will work on setting dates for the hearings.

Councilman Kussmaul – Asked if there is a tentative date set for the ceremonial swearing in?

Mr. Ramser – Stated, due to covid, we had to cancel the January 10th ceremony, but it will happen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 8:46 P.M. Motion carried.

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 Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

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

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

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