

MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:00 P.M.

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: LARRY NAPOLI  
KAMMY SHUMAN

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 J. DeGeeter, Law Director Timothy G. Dobeck, Auditor Brian Day, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Thomas Weinreich, Building Commissioner/City Engineer Paul Deichmann, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, 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. 20-21

2/16/21

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

A RESOLUTION HONORING O'CONNOR DANCE STUDIO ON 65 YEARS  
IN BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 20-21. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 26-21

2/16/21

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 THE 2022-2023 CWD BACKFILL PAVEMENT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 27-21

2/16/21

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 THE 2021 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 28-21

2/16/21

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 THE PURCHASE OF TACK COAT AND PRIME COAT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 29-21

2/16/21

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 EQUIPMENT AND GENERAL PAVEMENT SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 30-21

2/16/21

BY: R. J. JECH  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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**SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 11-21

2/1/2021

BY: D. LIME

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY TO CONFORM TO CURRENT STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 11-21 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 12-21

2/1/2021

BY: D. LIME

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CITY TO CONFORM TO CURRENT STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 12-21 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 13-21

2/1/2021

BY: R. J. JECH

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT NEW MATTER IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 13-21 back to the Governmental Operations 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. 8-21 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 8-21

2/1/2021

BY: R. J. JECH

(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE NOPEC ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING AN ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 8-21.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 8-21 is adopted.

**THIRD READING: THERE WERE NO THIRD READINGS**

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Resolution No. 17-21, Resolution No. 22-21, Ordinance No. 23-21, Resolution No. 31-21 and Resolution No. 35-21 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Resolution No. 17-21, Resolution No. 22-21, Ordinance No. 23-21, Resolution No. 31-21 and Resolution No. 35-21 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-21

2/16/21

BY: V. DIPIERRO

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2021 AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 17-21.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 17-21 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

Councilwoman Lime – Questioned the annual charge from the Division of Water.

Auditor Day – Stated it is the annual fire hydrant charge for maintenance.

Service Director Higgins – Verified it is the annual fee.

Councilwoman Lime – Questioned the two post certs for DLZ, Inc. for the Pearl Road Resurfacing, no contract. Asked if it goes towards the City’s portion of what the City has to pay? Is it being reimbursed through a grant? Is the State of Ohio reimbursing the City?

Service Director Higgins – Stated they were a preferred Engineering Company so three prices were not needed every time there was a project. They were hired under that Ordinance to design Pearl Road. Since the contract ended and they are still doing the work, it needed a Post Certification. The cost is going towards the City’s portion of what we have to pay for the Pearl Road improvement.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 22-21.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 22-21 is adopted.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Lime – Asked for an explanation on the request for additional appropriations.

Auditor Day – Stated Fund 167 is the Court Facility’s Management Fee. They have the resources available in that fund but did not appropriate enough into the Temporary Appropriations.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 23-21.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 23-21 is adopted.

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

A RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR DEWINE TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO THE LATEST LIST OF FRONTLINE WORKERS GIVEN THE COVID-19 VACCINE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Saban – Stated Council felt it was important to get the legislation to Columbus. She also spoke with State Representative Crossman. Our Officers put on their uniforms every day to protect us as front line workers. Feels they should have received the vaccine along with our hospital care employees and firefighters. Many times our officers are first on scene not knowing what they will face when they enter homes. Feels this is the least they can do to support our Police Officers. She spoke to other communities urging their Council Members to sponsor legislation. Maybe if we are unified in northeast Ohio, we can send a message to the Governor.

Mr. Brennan - Stated he spoke with former Police Chief Hoffman and he mentioned that the Police were not even on a list. Stated he will be getting his shot soon because he is a schoolteacher and was unaware that the Police were not. Stated they are going in peoples' homes, up to their cars, they are spat on, punched, and kicked. They are the first responders and the fact that they are not on a list to get the vaccine it appalls him. Former Chief Hoffman suggested that he write a letter to the Governor, which he did, and Council took it to the next level. Doesn't know if the Governor will have a change of heart, because he has a big priority getting the schools open. Doesn't know why he cannot do that concurrently with the front line of all front line workers.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 31-21.

Yes: \*Jech, Kohar, \*Lime, Saban, Casselberry, Dipierro, \*Divis.

No: None; Resolution No. 31-21 is adopted..

\*Councilman Jech – Thank you Councilwoman Saban.

\*Councilwoman Lime – Thank you, Councilwoman Saban, for putting this forward.

\*Councilman Divis – Thank you, Councilwoman Saban, for doing this. Very good idea.

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

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF PARMA – CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTHY URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 35-21.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 35-21 is adopted.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No one wished to speak.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – No comment.

Service Director Higgins – No comment.

Safety Director Weinreich – Thanked Councilwoman Saban and Council for the passage of Resolution No. 31-21. The Mayor, through his organizations with the State, has advocated for Police Officers being vaccinated. All voices certainly will not hurt and hopes that Governor will hear what we are all saying.

Auditor Day – No comment.

Law Director Dobeck – No comment.

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Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Dipierro to eliminate the Round Robin. Motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Stated that he gets many emails from residents in almost every Ward. Wanted to say how on top they all are with their residents. He used to get the overflow, but he doesn't get that any more.

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**REPORT ON ABSENT OFFICIALS**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to excuse Councilman Napoli and Councilwoman Shuman from said meeting. Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 7:25 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 form the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

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

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

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