

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
SPECIAL PUBLIC HOUSING COUNCIL MEETING
PARMA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
6:52

The Special Public Housing Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Sean P. Brennan presiding:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

BRIAN BROCHETTI
MARK CASSELBERRY
JEFFREY CROSSMAN
BRIAN DAY
VITO DIPIERRO
ALLAN DIVIS
DEBORAH LIME
LARRY NAPOLI
SCOTT M. TUMA

Mr. Ramser - Mr. President, 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 Dennis Kish, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Safety Director Gregory Baeppler, Building Commissioner/City Engineer Paul Deichmann, Communications and Community Relations Director Jeannie Roberts, Community Development Director Erik Tollerup, Economic Development Officer/Grant Writer Shelley Cullins, Director of Public Housing Lev Kulchysky, and Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC HOUSING 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 15 day of September, 2014, at 6:50 P.M., 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 Public Housing Committee Meeting: To discuss Housing Res No. 14-6
Special Public Housing Council Meeting:

Approval of Public Housing Council Meeting Minutes-September 2, 2014

THIRD READING:

HOUSING RESOLUTION NO. 14-6
By: Vito DiPierro

7/7/2014
(Special Meeting)

L-14-6

(By Request-Public Housing Executive Director)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE 2015 PARMA PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY STREAMLINED ANNUAL PLAN AND FIVE YEAR PLAN (2015-2019) FOR THE LOW-INCOME PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

HOUSING RESOLUTION NO. 14-7

9/15/14

L-14-7

By: Vito Dipierro

(Special Meeting)

(By Request-Public Housing Executive Director)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HOUSING TO REMOVE THE AMOUNT OF \$1,407.51 OF STALE DATED CHECKS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 FROM ITS ACCOUNTING REGISTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

You are therefore commanded to summon: Mayor Timothy DeGeeter, Auditor Dennis M. Kish, Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Treasurer Thomas Mastroianni, Council President Sean P. Brennan, Brian Brochetti, Mark Casselberry, Jeffrey Crossman, Brian Day, Vito Dipierro Alan Divis, Deborah Lime, Lawrence Napoli, Scott M. Tuma, 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 12th Day of September, AD 2014.

/seal/

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

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

I, Karen Jones of the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify that on September 12, 2014, 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 Sept. 12 at 3:09 A.M./PM, which date and time is more than twelve hours prior to the time of the Special Meeting.

Signed /s/ Karen Jones
Deputy Clerk I
City of Parma, Ohio.

DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, Seconded by Councilman Day, to dispense with the regular order of business and to waive the Rules of Council at this time in order to hold this Special Public Housing Council Meeting. Motion carried.

DISPOSAL OF THE JOURNAL

Mr. Brennan – Stated, you have the Minutes from the Special Public Housing Council Meeting of September 2, 2014. Asked if there were any additions or corrections to these Minutes. Stated, hearing none, the Minutes will stand approved as printed.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

Mr. Brennan – Asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to comment on legislation that Council will be taking final action on this evening. No one wished to comment.

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Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt Housing Resolution No. 14-6.

Yes: Brochetti, Crossman, Day, Dipierro, Divis, Lime, Napoli, Tuma.

No: None; Housing Resolution No. 14-6 is adopted.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

HOUSING RESOLUTION NO. 14-7

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L-14-7

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Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Housing Resolution No. 14-7 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Brochetti, Crossman, Day, Dipierro, Divis, Lime, Napoli, Tuma.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to Committee be dispensed with and Housing Resolution No. 14-7 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Brochetti, Crossman, Day, Dipierro, Divis, Lime, Napoli, Tuma.

No: None; motion carried.

Councilwoman Lime – Questioned the \$1,407.51 that is being removed.

Mr. Kulchytsky – Stated that this is something the Auditors brought to our attention. We have been working on this for the past year. These two checks from 2013 were two checks that were created by someone else and cashed. We were working with Huntington Bank to get the money back, but they are unwilling to reimburse the Public Housing Agency.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if they contacted the State of Ohio and attempted to get their state income check.

Mr. Kulchytsky – Stated that someone actually created their own checks and ran them through our accounts, which caused us to close our accounts and open new ones. They have been on the books for a year and a half we have just been waiting for closure and a response from the Auditors on how to handle this.

Mr. Brennan – Stated, I take it that this is a case of fraud.

Mr. Kulchytsky – Correct.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked why were they not prosecuted?

Mr. Kulchytsky – Stated that there was no one to prosecute. All we knew was that the individuals went to Walmart. Huntington Security was involved trying to locate the individuals and nothing ever came of it.

Mr. Brennan – Asked if the Parma Police Department was involved.

Mr. Kulchytsky – Stated that he would check into that.

Mr. Mastroianni – Stated we did receive notification from Huntington in regards to these checks I know that the Police Department was involved they are reviewing the tapes. They also tried to cash some checks in Columbus too. Huntington actually is doing a great job on this, they actually printed their own checks

Mr. Dobeck – Stated this is a house keeping accounting measure to clear it from their books. If the money is found there will be restitution and put on the books that the money was returned. This does not stop the Police from prosecuting this case.

Mr. Brennan – Asked is Public Housing actually suffer the lose?

Mr. Kulchytsky – Yes, it was us that suffered the lose.

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to adopt Housing Resolution No. 14-7.

Yes: Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Day, Dipierro, Divis, Lime, Napoli, Tuma.

No: None; Public Housing Resolution No. 14-7 is adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Day, to adjourn said Special Public Housing Council Meeting. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kenneth A. Ramser, Clerk of Council for the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the Special Public Housing Council Meeting held on September 15, 2014.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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