

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:02 P.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: VITO DIPIERRO
 ALLAN DIVIS
 ROB EUERLE
 LINDA A. KOHAR
 KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL
 DEBORAH LIME
 KRISTIN L. SABAN
 MARK CASSELBERRY

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: 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 DeGeeter, Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Auditor Brian Day, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Thomas Weinreich, Building Commissioner Paul Deichmann, City Engineer Has Mukh Patel, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Chief of Staff Rich Summers and Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Brennan – Stated, you have before you the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting and January 18, 2022 Special Organizational 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 for a new D5 liquor permit for Seven Hills Nutrition LLC., 6036 Broadview Rd. Parma, Oh 44134. Mailed January 28, 2022. Responses must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2022.

Request received from Ohio Division of Liquor for a transfer of C1 C2 liquor permit for

Ford Brothers Gas Inc. DBA Parma Marathon, 5790 State Rd. Parma, Oh 44134. Mailed January 14, 2022. Responses must be postmarked no later than February 14, 2022.

Mr. Brennan – Said Liquor Permits were referred to Council and Safety Director.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-22

2/7/22

BY: K.L. SABAN
(By Request – Building Commissioner)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1121 AND SECTION 1173.03 (F)(2) OF THE PARMA ZONING CODE RELATIVE TO CAR WASH USES IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Brennan – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Planning Committee and the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-22

2/7/22

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

A RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND, UPON MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA, FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS, STORM SEWERS, AND WATER MAINS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-22

2/7/22

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) THROUGH THE COMMUNITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM (CCS) FOR THE BIG CREEK FLOOD REDUCTION PROJECT NEAR SPRAGUE ROAD (EAST OF STATE ROAD) IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-22

2/7/22

BY: D. LIME

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

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

BY: K. SHUMAN

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

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

BY: D. LIME

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

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

SECOND READING:

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 OF PARMA TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING AS MANDATED BY STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Resolution No. 1-22 back to the Governmental Operations Committee. Motion Carried.

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 TRAFFICE SIGNAGE AND ASSOCIATED WORK WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Resolution No. 4-22 back to the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

THIRD 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 amend Ordinance No. 225-21 as follows: Within Section 1, the first blank shall read US Speciality Insurance Company Through Jackson-Dieken. The second blank within Section 1 shall read \$112,409.00. Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 225-21 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 225-21 as amended.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Casselberry.
No: None; Ordinance No. 225-21 is adopted as amended.

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 amend Ordinance No. 227-21 as follows: Within Section 1, the first blank shall read US Speciality Insurance Company Through Jackson- Dieken. The second blank within Section 1 shall read \$209,248.00. Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 227-21 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 227-21 as amended.

Yes: Dipierro, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kussmaul, Lime, Saban, Casselberry.
No: None; Ordinance No. 227-21 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 8-22, Ordinance No. 9-22 and Resolution No. 14-22 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance 8-22, Ordinance 9-22 and Resolution No. 14-22 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 8-22

2/7/22

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

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

Auditor Day – Stated that there is a typo on the Account No. on Exhibit for Ordinance No. 8-22. The correct Account No. should read 605-605-62049-0000.

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Exhibit A for Ordinance No. 8-22 as follows: Replace Account Number 605-65-62049-0000 with Account Number 605-605-62049-00000. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilwoman Lime to adopt Ordinance No 8-22 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 8-22 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO 9-22

2/7/22

BY: **K. L. SABAN**, A. DIVIS, D. LIME
(By Request – Building Commissioner)

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON CAR WASH ESTABLISHMENTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) MONTHS WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Saban – Stated that extending the Temporary Moratorium gives them a chance to take a look at different zonings.

Councilman Kussmaul – Questioned exactly how many carwashes are in the City of Parma.

Mayor DeGeeter –Will get the exact number of car washes in the city from Erik Tollerup.

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 9-22.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 9-22 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

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilwoman Lime to adopt Resolution No. 14-22.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 14-22 is adopted.

TABLE OF LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 129-18

8/6/18

BY: D. KISH
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR SOUTH CANTERBURY CULVERT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to table Ordinance No. 129-18. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Saban to reconsider Ordinance No. 129-18. Motion defeated. Resolution No. 129-18 is tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 189-19

10/21/19

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE HEADWALL AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT 1560 LOURDES DRIVE IN THE CITY OF PARMA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to table Ordinance No. 189-19. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to reconsider Ordinance No. 189-19. Motion defeated. Ordinance No. 189-19 is tabled.

PUBLIC SESSION

Joann Lauer – Questioned why legislation was being tabled.

Mr. Patel – Stated that the projects are all under construction or are already completed.

Daniel Gorey, Save Ridgewood Lake Committee – Stated that he is waiting to hear back from NEORSD about the status of the project. He also stated that the lake offers great recreation for the residents of the area.

Jonathan, 4501 Orchard Park Drive – Questioned what designates a primary and a secondary road for snow plowing. He stated that Orchard Park and Fruitland are a hospital route and should always be plowed, however they were not taken care of properly. He stated also, that he is not happy with the state of the city.

Resident, Parma Park Blvd. – Questioned where tax money is going to. She stated that the money should be used to buy more snow plows. She stated that taxes go up, but services are going down. She stated that funding should be opened to the public for review.

Mr. Brennan – Invited resident to attend open session of budget hearings.

Resident, Bonny Blvd. – Questioned if removing the Ridgewood Lake was the only option. She also questioned if this issue will be going to be a public vote.

Councilwoman Kohar – Stated that the NEORSD put together a video that is available to the public for viewing that explains what they would like to do. She also stated that this might not solve the whole problem, but it is a big piece of the puzzle.

Resident – Stated that the present look of Veteran’s Memorial Park is disrespectful to our Veterans, and that taking out Ridgewood Lake would only take down the resident’s property values.

Nikki Panza, 6593 Roycroft Dr. – Stated that she supports Ridgewood Lake, but would also like to work with the Council on some additional options. She questioned on where we are at with everything.

Mayor DeGeeter – Stated that there is a meeting on Thursday with NEORSD, the city, and the Committee to discuss.

Dan Gorey, Save Ridgewood Lake Committee – Stated that 60% of the water comes from the golf course, and 40% comes from Regency. Mr. Gorey also stated that this could all be stopped at Stearns Farm. He stated that destroying the lake is not the only option.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor DeGeeter – Tuesday, February 15, at 6PM is the Budget Hearing, everyone is welcomed to attend.

Service Director Higgins – No Comment

Safety Director Weinreich – No Comment

Auditor Day – Stated that financial transparency on all expenditures is always posted on The City of Parma page. Everyone is always welcome to attend Budget Hearings.

Law Director Dobeck – Thanked everyone for their support of the insurance pieces of legislation.

Treasurer Mastroianni – No Comment

Councilman Dipierro – No Comment

Councilman Kussmaul – Stated that he had a very good meeting with the Director of Public Housing Pricilla Pointer-Hicks, and met with Safety Director Tom Weinreich. He went on a ride along with our snow plow drivers and had an eye opening experience.

Councilman Divis – No Comment

Motion made by Councilman Dipierro seconded by Councilwoman Saban to dispense with the remainder of the Round Robin. Motion carried.

REPORT ON ABSENT MEMBERS

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Dipierro to excuse Councilwoman Shuman from said meeting. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Dipierro to adjourn said meeting at 7:57 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 Monday, February 7, 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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