

MAY 16, 2016
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:05 P.M.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: ALLAN DIVIS
DEBORAH LIME
KRISTIN L. SABAN
SCOTT M. TUMA
BRIAN BROCHETTI
MARK CASSELBERRY
JEFFREY CROSSMAN
VITO DIPIERRO
COUNCIL MEMBER EXCUSED: LARRY NAPOLI

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 Brian Day, Treasurer Thomas Mastroianni, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Michael O'Malley, Building Commissioner Paul Deichmann, Communications and Community Relations Director Jeannie Roberts, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Director of Human Resources Thomas Weinreich, Senior Citizen Director Jo Ann Mason, Chief of Staff Michael Culp and Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VOICE VOTE

The Parma Redmen Hockey Team was recognized by City Council and the Mayor for their 2015-16 Blue South Division Championship - the Program's 7th Division Title.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-16 5/16/16 L-95-16
BY: B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, J. CROSSMAN, V. DIPIERRO,
A. DIVIS D. LIME, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING PARMA SCHOOLS JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Brochetti to adopt Resolution No. 95-16. Motion carried.

Councilman Brochetti – Presented the Resolution, as well as Certificates, from the Law Director, Treasurer and Auditor, and congratulated them.

Mayor DeGeeter – Presented a Proclamation and congratulated them.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-16 5/16/16 L-99-16

BY: A. DIVIS, B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, J. CROSSMAN, V. DIPIERRO,
D. LIME, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING PASTOR MARVIN "GENE" CAREY ON
THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION PARMA CHRISTIAN
CHURCH – DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Dipierro to adopt
Resolution No. 99-16. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-16 5/16/16 L-100-16

BY: B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, J. CROSSMAN, V. DIPIERRO,
A. DIVIS, D. LIME, L. NAPOLI, K. L. SABAN, S. M. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING DONNA SMALLWOOD ACTIVITIES
CENTER PARMA OFFICE ON AGING PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt
Resolution No. 100-16. Motion carried.

Councilman Tuma – Presented the Resolution, as well as certificates, from the
Law Director, Treasurer and Auditor to Jo Ann Mason.

Mayor DeGeeter – Presented a Proclamation to Jo Ann.

Ms. Mason – Thanked everyone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to go
into Executive Session to discuss PSW Local Union 1 Contract.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to go
into Executive Session to discuss Mark Bartkiewicz vs. City of Parma, et. al.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; motion carried.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:33 P.M.

Council Reconvened the Council Meeting at 7:51 P.M.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Brennan – Stated, we have the Minutes from the May 2, 2016, Regular
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 from the Law Director for Legal Representation regarding *Mark
Bartkiewicz vs. City of Parma, et. al.* Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by
Councilman Casselberry to approve the legal representation. Motion carried.

Communication received from Joseph A. Calabrese, CEO, General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer of RTA thanking Council for Resolution No. 67-16 regarding proposed changes to the service on the 79A Bus. The Resolution will be passed on to the RTA Board for their consideration.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 64-16 5/16/16 L-64-16
BY: K. L. SABAN

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 191 ENTITLED "WAGE ENFORCEMENT" OF TITLE NINE "TAXATION AND FEES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-16 5/16/16 L-85-16
BY: D. LIME
 (By Request – Safety Director)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.33 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86-16 5/16/16 L-86-16
BY: D. LIME
 (By Request – Safety Director)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.33 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 87-16 5/16/16 L-87-16

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (b)
"RECREATION DEPARTMENT" OF SECTION 185.05 "FEES OF THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF PARMA RELATIVE TO A RENTAL FEE AT THE
MICHAEL A. RIES ICE RINK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 88-16 5/16/16 L-88-16

BY: V. DIPIERRO
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE
BODY CAMERAS FOR THE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 97-16 5/16/16 L-97-16

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN-BUILD
SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPLASH PAD AT
THE ANTHONY ZIELINSKI PARK, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

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

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 72-16 5/2/16 L-72-16

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 185.031 "FEES OF THE POLICE
CHIEF" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA
TO ENACT THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A MUNICIPAL DEER CONTROL
PERMIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 72-16 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-16 5/2/16 L-73-16

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS, SECTIONS 618.11 AND 618.21, AND CHAPTER 961 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, SECTION 961.02, AUTHORIZING A NUISANCE ABATEMENT INITIATIVE FOR BOTH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF THE WHITE-TAILED DEER POPULATION IN COORDINATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTIGUOUS, ADJOINING, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THAT OPT TO ADOPT A SIMILAR PLAN FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 73-16 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-16 5/2/16 L-74-16

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 74-16 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-16 5/2/16 L-75-16

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVENTEEN (17) SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE PARMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 75-16 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (a) "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF SECTION 185.04 "FEES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY" TO CREATE THE "INITIAL BOOKING/REGISTRATION FEE PER JAIL CONFINEMENT", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 79-16 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF GALLAGHER SHARP LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CASE ENTITLED MARK BARTKIEWICZ VS. CITY OF PARMA, ET AL., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 80-16 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. 78-16 and Resolution No. 81-16 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; motion carried.

BY: D. LIME, A. DIVIS, D. LIME, K. L. SABAN, B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, J. CROSSMAN, V. DIPIERRO
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF K-9 DOG FELIX OF THE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Crossman – Stated that Chief Miller was here during the Committee Meeting last week and went into detail as to why this was necessary. Wanted to confirm that the City will be replacing the dog.

Safety Director O'Malley – Stated that is correct. They are purchasing a new puppy, and an officer has been chosen to handle the dog. They anticipate them being on the street in the not too distant future.

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 78-16 as follows: In Section 3, insert Fund No. 001-011, Account Number 48136-07816. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 78-16 as amended.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; Ordinance No. 78-16 is adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-16 5/2/16 L-81-16

BY: K. SABAN, A. DIVIS, D. LIME, S. M. TUMA, B. BROCHETTI,
M. CASSELBERRY, J. CROSSMAN, V. DIPIERRO
(By Request – Building Commissioner)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER
TO INSTITUTE SUMMARY NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 444-05-010, 3017 BROOKPARK ROAD,
PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Saban – Stated that this was a gas station where they started doing work on it but it came to a halt. The parking lot is torn up, half security gates half up. It is a safety concern.

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 81-16.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; Resolution No. 81-16 is adopted.

THIRD READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 53-16 4/4/16 L-53-16

BY: B. BROCHETTI, A. DIVIS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR
OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO TRANSPORT INTO
THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, FIREWORKS AND
FIREWORK SUNDRIES FOR A PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH FESTIVAL, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 53-16.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; Resolution No. 53-16 is adopted.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 91-16, Ordinance No. 92-16, Resolution No. 93-16, Resolution No. 94-16 and Ordinance No. 98-16 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 91-16, Ordinance No. 92-16, Resolution No. 93-16, Resolution No. 94-16 and Ordinance No. 98-16 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-16 5/16/16 L-91-16

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO FILE A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 91-16.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; Ordinance No. 91-16 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-16 5/16/16 L-92-16

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2016 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Lime – Stated that this is for an adjustment to the budget for \$1.5 million and is for 405-Operating Supplies and \$600,000 for the splash pad. Stated that we haven't even had discussion on the splash pad and we are appropriating \$600,000.

Service Director Higgins – Stated the reason why the appropriations is there is because there is Resolution No. 94-16, a Natureworks Grant, also on the agenda. Part of the Natureworks Grant includes the fact that you have to have a line item appropriated for the grant you are requesting. If you do not have the line item, you lose 10 points on the application.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if the \$900,000 is in the operating supplies or is the splash pad for the grant application?

Service Director Higgins – Stated that the \$600,000 is the line item that will be included with the application. The \$900,000 is the money they need to release to fulfill the contract obligations they have for all the road issues they have bid out; the asphalt, concrete, etc.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked what the grant will do to help them with the splash pad and why is it \$600,000?

Service Director Higgins – Stated that the total cost of the project is going to be approximately \$800,000. Stated that they need to knock the building down, asbestos abatement, knock the pool down, fill the pool in, install bathroom facilities, and a parking lot will be installed.

Councilwoman Lime – Stated Resolution No. 94-16 talks about a grant application. How does that fit into the splash pad?

Service Director Higgins – Stated it is a Natureworks Grant application. Stated, available for Cuyahoga County as a whole, is \$217,000. So the grant application is going to be inclusive of the whole acreage of the facility, they want to see a line item otherwise you do not get the points.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked what we are asking for?

Service Director Higgins – Stated they are going to ask for a particular percent. They just started working on the grant application and found out that this was one of the requirements. They obviously will not ask for the entire \$200,000, because they don't award the entire amount to one applicant. They will try and get what ever they can.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if the City's portion out of 405 is going to be \$600,000?

Service Director Higgins – That is an estimate.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if that includes any engineering fees, architect fees, etc?

Service Director Higgins – Stated it should be a very close number.

Councilwoman Lime - Asked if they know when they will come up with a fair estimate?

Service Director Higgins – Stated for them to open it up next year, they need to get started.

Mr. Brennan – Asked how detailed do you need to be regarding the project with the natureworks grant? Can it be general or do they want specs?

Service Director Higgins – Stated that the application has approximately 38 pages. It is pretty detailed.

Councilman Crossman – Asked when the application is due?

Service Director Higgins – Stated it is due June 1st.

Councilman Crossman – Asked how much of the general fund money will be used versus the donated money?

Service Director Higgins – Stated \$600,000 on our end minus what ever we are successful getting in the grant plus the splash pad donation.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if it is fair to say that there will be no general fund money used to construct it, it will be the 405 funds and the general fund money will be used to operate it?

Service Director Higgins – Stated that is very fair. Stated that capital funds will be used for the construction of the facility.

Councilman Tuma – Asked what is the status of the money to be donated?

Mayor DeGeeter – Stated that the donation was received at the end of last year and it is encumbered in the Auditing Department.

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 92-16.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; Ordinance No. 92-16 is adopted.

BY: S. M. TUMA
(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 line item of \$596.65 for garbage fee collection.

Law Director Dobeck – Stated that they have been assisting the administration with language for a change to the Statute in Columbus to allow collections by the Fiscal Officer on the Tax Duplicate. Presently, we are collecting the garbage fee with the City of Cleveland Water Department. There could be a significant savings if we could get the statute changed and collect on the tax duplicate. They have been using Climaco to run language and amendments suggestions past them and they have been talking with the fiscal officer to make sure that there would be no objections on their end.

Mayor DeGeeter – Stated he personally went down to Columbus, the Chief of Staff has been down the last three weeks and they will be going down on Wednesday. There is a House Bill that they got amended. It was voted out of Committee. In the meantime, about three weeks ago, they found a House Bill that was coming back from the Senate and got their amendment in that. He just got an e-mail that it indicates that the Senate will be voting that House Bill out of Committee this week onto the Senate Floor and they are hopeful for House concurrence next week. They have been working with the Ohio Municipal League, some former Representatives and a number of other partners.

Councilman Tuma – Thanked Representative Celebrezze for his work. Stated that he contacted him a while ago and he knows Mr. Celebrezze was working hard. As the Mayor had indicated, it is tough to get any action, especially when you are the minority party.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked how close they are with finishing the pending contracts.

Mayor DeGeeter – Stated that they are moving forward with conciliation with the Fire Fighters, they continue to negotiate with Dispatch, and he will get back to her.

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 93-16.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.

No: None; Resolution No. 93-16 is adopted.

BY: S. M. TUMA, A. DIVIS, D. LIME, K. L. SABAN, B. BROCHETTI,
M. CASSELBERRY, J. CROSSMAN, V. DIPIERRO
(By Request – Mayor)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS GRANT APPLICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 94-16.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.
No: None; Ordinance No. 94-16 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-16 5/16/16 L-98-16

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA AND THE PARMA SERVICE WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 1, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2015, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 98-16.

Yes: Divis, Lime, Saban, Tuma, Brochetti, Casselberry, Crossman, Dipierro.
No: None; Ordinance No. 98-16 is adopted.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ken Ehlert – Stated that he heard that Cleveland bought insurance to protect the safety forces. Asked if Parma has that type of insurance?

Law Director Dobeck – Stated that our safety forces are not participating with the RNC. Some of the insurance that the City of Cleveland has provided does not cover our officers. That is one of the reasons that the decision was made not to participate. However, if there are emergencies, we do have mutual aid, which we would have our own insurance for and, yes, we do have insurance for those things. In addition, we have some specialized units like the CERT, Hazard Waste Team and our Bomb Squads that could respond in those situations and they have separate insurance for that.

Wayne Meskar, 6118 Westminster – Stated that he passed out some post cards about the event they have coming up at Valley Forge High School on June 18th. Stated they have enough sponsorship now to cover the expenses for producing that event. Therefore, all they need to do is fill 1,200 seats that day and all that money goes towards putting the program in place and expanding it throughout the Tri City area. Stated that he will be speaking about the event on 91.1 WRUW College Radio. They also have support from WNCX 98.5, Classic Rock. Any help would be gladly appreciated.

Dorothy Hazel, 6601 W. Ridgewood – Stated that Boy Scout Troop 372, Ridgewood United Methodist Church, will host a free community public forum on Sunday, May 22nd, entitled “The Truth About Heroin”. As they have read for some time, heroin is increasing at an alarming rate in many parts of our society and within Cuyahoga County. Medical spokespersons have said to reverse this epidemic, we need an all of society response. Stated you maybe aware of persons in your ward struggling with this addiction. A panel will consist of Judge Joan Synenberg representing Drug Courts for Cuyahoga County and Tom Gilson, M.D. from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office. Stated that a few weeks ago Law Director Dobeck gave an excellent presentation at Ridgewood United Methodist Church. Stated that the Boy Scouts will also sponsor a pancake and sausage breakfast from 9 A.M. until the program begins. Donations will be accepted.

Ray Rosenberger, 6232 N. Canterbury Road – Stated that ever since coming to Council Meetings, he has been intrigued with the three minutes that is allocated to the public. He is also puzzled as to why the public is left to the last. If in fact the Government is “Of the People”, why are they not first? In conjunction with that, he has one last question to ask. When he was in Korea, and he was in the foxhole and those North Koreans and the Communist Chinese were coming at him, how long should he have stayed in that foxhole? He could see from behind him, on the top of the hills, your homes. He could see your children. He feels the three minutes is something that should be reconsidered, because if he was given the amount of time that he spent in that foxhole on one day, the sun would be coming up tomorrow morning.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor DeGeeter – Stated that the Service Director and he had the opportunity to attend a luncheon with Solutions at Work (S.A.W) who partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Development Disabilities. Stated that it recognizes employees of the year for them. Steven Owens, who works at Stearn’s Farm was recognized. Stated that Olive Garden was also recognized as a business that has gone above and beyond to support the inclusions of people with disabilities in the work place.

Safety Director O’Malley – No comment.

Service Director Higgins - Stated that the West Creek group goes beyond everyone’s expectations. Stated that Rain Barrels were being put together at Center Park. Stated that there had to be approximately 75 people working between the basins on tree lawns and putting barrels together.

Auditor Day – No comment.

Law Director Dobeck – No comment.

Treasurer Mastroianni – No comment.

Councilman Divis – No comment.

Councilwoman Lime – Stated that this week is “National Police Week”. Thanked Mr. Higgins for his help with Polish Village pocket park and helping with the Eagle Scout project.

Councilwoman Saban – Stated that is was a great night for the Redmen Nation. Stated that there are some really great kids that come out of Parma High School. Thanked Council for passing the nuisance abatement. The corner of State and Brookpark is an eyesore. Thanked Law Director Dobeck for his help in putting together the ordinance regarding wage enforcement. Looks forward to discussing it in Committee.

Councilman Tuma – Commended Councilwoman Saban on her first piece of legislation and looks forward to having discussion on that as well as the body camera legislation sponsored by Councilman Dipierro.

Councilman Brochetti – No comment.

Councilman Casselberry – No comment.

Councilman Crossman – Stated that Wards 1, 4 and 9 will be hosting a joint Ward Meeting at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center on Thursday, May 19th. Stated that the Safety Director and Police Chief will be participating. Derek Schaefer from West Creek will also be in attendance.

Stated that Fit Works had their grand reopening at the Shoppes at Parma. It is great to support the new businesses.

Councilman Dipierro – Congratulated Stipe Miocic, who won the Heavyweight world title for the UFC.

Mr. Brennan – Stated that on June 14th, at the Big Creek Reservation, there will be a clean up of the creek, sponsored by the Metro Parks and Friends of Big Creek and several other organizations.

Stated that he wanted to respond to Mr. Rosenberger’s question about the Rules of Council. Stated that our Council is very liberal when it comes to public session. Stated that the Westlake School Board limits the amount of time the public as a whole can speak to 20 minutes. There were some students that wanted to get up and speak to the School Board and after the time was up, the Board walked out. Stated that you will not see Parma Council walk out of the public. State that Parma Council is totally open to the public speaking at meetings. Stated that Broadview Heights only allow residents of the City to speak before Council. Stated that we do not require people to leave their name and address for the record. They had a man who did not want to leave his name, and the Law Director indicated that we can not require people to leave their name for the record. So, that has been our Rule since that point. Stated that Parma School Board requires you to fill out a form before their meeting where you put your name, address and what you are going to talk about.

Councilman Crossman will be working to revise the Rules of Council. So he is sure Mr. Rosenberger’s suggestion under consideration when they are looking at the possible revisions to the Rules of Council.

Stated that he and the Mayor were invited to a White House Briefing about transportation and some other issues. They also met with Congressman Renacci, Congresswoman Fudge and Congressman Joyce and had some good sessions regarding local government policy.

REPORT ON ABSENT OFFICIALS

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilwoman Lime to excuse Councilman Napoli from said meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Crossman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 8:45 P.M. 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 Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2016.

KENNETH A. RAMSER
CLERK OF COUNCIL

SEAN P. BRENNAN
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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(Minutes completed on May 24, 2016)