

**MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2023
COUNCIL MEETING
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:14 P.M.**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Vito Dipierro presiding:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL DEBORAH LIME KAMMY SHUMAN MONICA WILSON KELLY ZACHARIAS MARK CASSELBERRY ALLAN DIVIS ROB EUERLE LINDA A. KOHAR
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Mrs. Saban – 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 Tony Vannello, Building Commissioner Dan Kulchytsky, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Senior Citizen Director Erin Lally, Chief of Staff Rich Summers, Director of Public Housing Amy Waxman, and Clerk of Council Kristin L. Saban.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Clerk of Council Kristin L. Saban.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

CERTIFICATES AND PRESENTATIONS

Law Director Dobeck was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years as Law Director and a plaque of his first sponsorship of a piece of Legislation as a Councilmember.

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Dipierro – Stated, you have before you the Minutes from the December 4, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Asked if there were any additions or corrections? Stated, hearing none, the minutes will stand approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Councilman Euerle - Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met this evening to discuss the proposal to vary for the applicant Kristine King. The request is for an Area Variance Section 1153.03 – ACCESSORY USES AND BUILDINGS (d) PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (2) REGULATIONS. The proposal is to park and store a 27-foot-long RV at the residence. The variance would result in an RV 3 feet longer than code allows to be parked and stored in a residential district.

Motion made by Councilman Euerle seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to deny the Variance as recommended by the Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

Councilman Euerle – Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met this evening to discuss the proposal to vary for the applicant Brilliant Electric Sign Co./Saint Bridget of Kildare Parish. The request is for an Area Variance Section 1196.06 SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, (a) PERMITTED TYPES, NUMBER, AREA, AND HEIGHT. The proposal is to construct a major free-standing sign 6' ½" in height and a minor free-standing sign, 6 SF in area. The variances would result in allowing a major free-standing sign 1' ½" taller, and a minor free-standing sign 2 SF more in area than code allows.

Motion made by Councilman Euerle seconded by Councilman Casselberry to grant the Variance as recommended by the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

Councilman Euerle – Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met this evening to discuss the proposal to vary for the applicant Derek Schafer, West Creek Conservancy. The request is for an Area Variance Section 1153.02 PRINCIPAL USES AND BUILDINGS. The proposal is to use the property for educational purposes regarding watershed stewardship programming. The variance would result in allowing this parcel to be used for office and educational purposes.

Motion made by Councilman Euerle seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to grant the Variance as recommended by the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO THE CALENDAR

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend the Calendar to add Ordinance No. 195-23 to Suspension to the Rules. Motion carried.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 189-23

12/18/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS
(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

Mr. Dipierro – Said Ordinance to be referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 192-23

12/18/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(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

Mr. Dipierro – Said Ordinance to be referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 193-23

12/18/23

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO., INC., FOR ONE (1) NEW BOMAG MODEL BW151AD-5 DOUBLE DRUM VIBRATORY ROLLER, AT A LEASE RATE NOT TO EXCEED 8% WITH SOURCEWELL PRICING (CONTRACT NO. 032119-BAI) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,506.83, FOR THE PARMA SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Dipierro – Said Ordinance to be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 194-23

12/18/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE CITY AUDITOR, OR THE BOARD OR OFFICER HAVING SUPERVISION OR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY, TO UTILIZE THE INTERNET AUCTION FOR SURPLUS ITEMS IN THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Dipierro – Said Resolution to be referred to the Finance Committee.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 191-23

12/4/23

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A NEW 2028 MONARCH SUTPHEN PUMPER FIRE ENGINE TO REPLACE AN AGING UNIT FOR THE PARMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to be refer Ordinance No. 191-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 162-23

11/20/23

BY: K. SHUMAN
(By Request – Treasurer)

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SEVERAL SECTIONS WITHIN CHAPTER 184 "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 162-23.

Yes: Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Casselberry, Divis, Euerle, Kohar.

No: None; Ordinance No. 162-23 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 173-23

11/20/23

BY: K. SHUMAN
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS), UNDER THE MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (MCIP) FOR THE PORTION OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE CRAIGLEIGH DRIVE SEPTIC ABATEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 173-23.

Yes: Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Casselberry, Divis, Euerle, Kohar.
No: None; Ordinance No. 173-23 is adopted.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Dipierro – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 195-23 and Ordinance No. 196-23 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Casselberry, Divis, Euerle, Kohar.
No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Dipierro – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 195-23 and Ordinance No. 196-23 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Casselberry, Divis, Euerle, Kohar.
No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 195-23 12/18/23

BY: **M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, D. LIME**
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR THE 2024 CONGREGATE AND HOMEBOUND MEALS PLUS EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DONNA SMALLWOOD ACTIVITIES CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 195-23.

Yes: Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Casselberry, Divis, Euerle, Kohar.
No: None; Ordinance No. 195-23 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 196-23 12/18/23

BY: **M. CASSELBERRY**
(By Request – Recreation Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (b) "RECREATION DEPARTMENT" OF SECTION 185.05 "FEES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE", SECTION (b) "RECREATION DEPARTMENT" RELATIVE TO SOCCER FEES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 196-23.

Yes: Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Casselberry, Divis, Euerle, Kohar.
No: None; Ordinance No. 196-23 is adopted.

PUBLIC SESSION

House Representative Sean Brennan – Thanked Linda for all her hard work. Spoke regarding K9s being unable to work due to the legalizing of marijuana. Thanked Tony Vannello for installing the 12' pink flamingo next to the Parma sign.

Louann – Spoke regarding having the Pink Flamingo as the city's bird.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor DeGeeter – Thanked Linda for years of service as Councilwoman Ward 8 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Service Director Vannello – Congratulated Tim Dobeck on his new role as Judge. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Auditor Day – Thanked Linda for her hard work and congratulated Tim Dobeck on his new position.

Law Director Dobeck – Thanked everyone for their kind words and support.

Treasurer Mastroianni – Wished Linda good luck at her new position. Thanked Tim for all his help throughout the years. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Kussmaul – Welcomed Scott Tuma to his new position and wished best of luck to Linda. Thanked Tim for all his help and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Lime – Wished Tim the best of luck in his new position. Welcomed Amanda Boyd, wished Linda good luck. Stated that breakfast with Santa was a great success.

Councilwoman Shuman – Welcomed Scott Tuma to his new position and wished best of luck to Linda. Thanked Tim for all his help and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Wilson – Stated that she will miss Linda. Also, was pleased that the breakfast with Santa was a huge success. Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman Zacharias – Welcomed Scott Tuma to his new position and wished best of luck to Linda. Thanked Tim for all his help and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Casselberry – Stated that it was a pleasure working with Tim and Linda did a great job as Councilwoman.

Councilman Divis – Thanked Tim and Linda and wished them both good luck. Welcomed Amanda. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Euerle – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Welcomed Amanda.

Councilwoman Kohar – Stated that the last 4 years have gone fast, also that it is bittersweet because she will miss everyone but is looking forward to her new position. Wished Amanda good luck.

Clerk of Council Saban – Welcomed Scott, Amanda, and Brittany. Stated that she will miss Linda and wished her best of luck. Thanked Tim for his friendship and mentor.

President of Council Dipierro – Stated that he enjoyed serving with Linda. Also, Tim is the best and will surely be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kristin L. Saban, 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, December 18, 2023.

/s/ Kristin L. Saban
Kristin L. Saban
Clerk of Council

/s/ Vito Dipierro
Vito Dipierro
President of Council