

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 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: ALLAN DIVIS
 LINDA A. KOHAR
 DEBORAH LIME
 LARRY NAPOLI
 KRISTIN L. SABAN
 MARK CASSELBERRY
 VITO DIPIERRO

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: ROY J. JECH

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 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, 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

Mr. Brennan – Asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Wayne Metzger.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

DISPOSAL OF THE JOURNAL

Mr. Brennan – Stated, you have before you the Minutes from the January 19, 2021, Regular Council Meeting. Asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes? Stated hearing none, the Minutes will stand approved as printed.

VOICE VOTE:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-21

2/1/2021

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

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PARMA AS THE PACZKI CAPITAL OF OHIO
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt
Resolution No. 16-21. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Annual Report Law Enforcement Trust Fund 2020. A copy is on file in the Council Office
for review.

Council Annual Report 2020. A copy is on file in the Council Office for review.

Annual Report Law Department 2020. A copy is on file in the Council Office for review.

FIRST READING:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIRD READING:

BY: A. DIVIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE AN ENGINEERING FIRM TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST FOR THE REPAIR OF THE DAM AT HOLLENBECK LAKE IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to accept Substitute Ordinance No. 167-2020 which amends the language of the previous Ordinance No. 167-2020 as stated in the substitute language. Further move to waive Rule 52, have a roll call vote on Rule 45 and place substitute Ordinance No. 167-2020 on Third Reading for passage. Motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Substitute Ordinance No. 167-2020 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Substitute Ordinance No. 167-2020.

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

No: None; Substitute Ordinance No. 167-2020 is adopted.

BY: **A. DIVIS, NAPOLI**
(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 DESIGN COST ONLY OF THE FENWAY STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Ordinance No. 193-2020.

Yes: Divis, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban, Casselberry, Dipierro.
No: None; Ordinance No. 193-2020 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 197-2020

12/21/2020

BY: K. L. SABAN
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIDENT INSURANCE SERVICES, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE ARGONAUT INSURANCE GROUP, THROUGH MCGOWAN GOVERNMENTAL UNDERWRITERS, FOR MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 197-2020 as follows: In Section 1 line 4 fill in the blank with \$187,116.00. Further move to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 197-2020 on Third Reading for final passage as amended. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Ordinance No. 197-2020 as amended.

Yes: Divis, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban, Casselberry, Dipierro.
No: Ordinance No. 197-2020 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 198-2020

12/21/2020

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIDENT INSURANCE SERVICES, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE ARGONAUT INSURANCE GROUP, THROUGH MCGOWAN GOVERNMENTAL UNDERWRITERS, FOR SPECIAL MULTI-PERIL INSURANCE INCLUDING BUILDINGS, CONTENTS AND BOILERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 198-2020 as follows: In Section 1 line 4 fill in the blank with \$164,580.00. Further move to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 198-2020 on Third Reading for final passage as amended. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Ordinance No. 198-2020 as amended.

Yes: Divis, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban, Casselberry, Dipierro.
No: None; Ordinance No. 198-2020 is adopted as amended.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Resolution No. 10-21, Resolution No. 15-21, Ordinance No. 18-21 and Ordinance No. 19-21 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Divis, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban, Casselberry, Dipierro.
No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Resolution No. 10-21, Resolution No. 15-21, Ordinance No. 18-21 and Ordinance No. 19-21 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-21 2/1/2021
BY: **K. L. SABAN**, A. DIVIS, L. A. KOHAR, D. LIME, L. NAPOLI, M. CASSELBERRY, V. DIPIERRO

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMERICAN HEART MONTH DURING FEBRUARY,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Resolution No. 10-21.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 10-21 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-21 2/1/2021
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 Councilman Casselberry to amend Resolution No. 15-21 by accepting revised Exhibit "A". Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Resolution No. 15-21 as amended.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 15-21 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-21 2/1/2021
BY: K. L. SABAN
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO.
65-2020 RELATIVE TO THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FEE
FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 IN THE CITY OF
PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Ordinance No. 18-21.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 18-21 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 regarding the of Multi-Peril Insurance?
Auditor Day – Explained that the cost was higher than was originally thought.
Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilman Napoli to adopt Ordinance No. 19-21.
Yes: Divis, Kohar, Lime, Napoli, Saban, Casselberry, Dipierro.
No: Ordinance No. 19-21 is adopted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Motion made by Councilwoman Kohar seconded by Councilman Casselberry to confirm the appointment of Renee Bukszar, to fill the upcoming vacant position of Deputy Clerk I in the Council Office, effective March 1, 2021. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

Residents living in the area of the dam at Hollenbeck Lake thanked Councilman Divis, Service Director Higgins and all that were involved with the passage of Ordinance No. 167-2020.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor DeGeeter – No comment.

Service Director Higgins – Stated that things were going well with the transition to Rumpke and that Republic has 30 days to pick up their garbage cans.

Auditor Day – No comment.

Law Director Dobeck – No comment.

Safety Director Weinreich – No comment.

Councilman Divis – Thanked Service Director Higgins and Law Director Dobeck for their hard work on Ordinance No. 167-2020.

Councilwoman Kohar – No comment.

Councilwoman Lime – No comment.

Councilman Napoli – No comment.

Councilwoman Saban – No comment.

Councilman Casselberry – Stated what a wonderful man Wayne Metzger was and that he will be missed.

Councilman Dipierro – No comment.

President of Council Brennan – No comment.

REPORT ON ABSENT OFFICIALS

Motion made by Councilman Napoli seconded by Councilman Casselberry to excuse Councilman Jech from said Council Meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Napoli seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 7:24 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 1, 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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