

**MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2020  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:30 P.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:        BRIAN BROCHETTI  
    MARK CASSELBERRY  
    VITO DIPIERRO  
    ALLAN DIVIS  
    ROY J. JECH  
    LINDA A. KOHAR  
    DEBORAH LIME  
    LARRY NAPOLI  
    KRISTIN L. SABAN

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, Safety Director Thomas Weinreich, Building Commissioner/City Engineer Paul Deichmann, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi and Clerk of Council Kenneth A. Ramser.

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**INVOCATION**

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

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

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**DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

Mr. Brennan – Stated, you have before you the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 7, 2020. Asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes? Stated, hearing none, the Minutes will stand approved as printed.

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**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

Mr. Divis – Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met to discuss the Notice of Proposal to Vary for the Applicant Jason Kuczmarski 7609 Kenilworth Ave. PPN 442-18-085, for an Area Variance of Section 1153.03 (a) – Single Family House Districts – Accessory Uses and Buildings. Motion made by Councilman Divis seconded by Councilman Casselberry to grant the Variance as recommended by the Parma Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

Mr. Divis – Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met to discuss the Notice of Proposal to Vary for the Applicant Thomas & Rebecca Kovach 5711 Theota Ave. PPN 443-15-039, for an Area Variance of Section 1153.03 (a) Single House Districts Accessory Uses and Building and Section 1185.05 Height Regulations Height District Exceptions of the Parma Zoning code. Motion made by Councilman Divis seconded by Councilman Casselberry to grant the Variances as recommended by the Parma Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

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**FIRST READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 193-2020                      12/21/2020                      L-193-2020  
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 DESIGN COST ONLY OF THE FENWAY STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 196-2020                      12/21/2020                      L-196-2020  
BY:    V. DIPIERRO  
       (By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (H) "OTHER BUSINESS USES" OF SECTION 1170.03 "SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED BUILDINGS AND USES" RELATIVE TO THE ADDITION OF ITEM NO. 14 "VAPE SHOP" AND TO AMEND SECTION 1121 "DEFINITIONS" WITHIN CHAPTER 11 "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" RELATIVE TO THE ENACTMENT OF SUBSECTION 1121.485 "VAPE SHOP" OF THE PARMA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 197-2020                      12/21/2020                      L-197-2020  
BY:    B. BROCHETTI  
       (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

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

BY: B. BROCHETTI  
(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

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

**SECOND 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 Councilman Brochetti seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 167-2020 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

BY: B. BROCHETTI  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS AS PART OF THE SPRAGUE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brochetti seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 189-2020 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

BY: B. BROCHETTI  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT AN ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD TO HEAR AND DETERMINE OBJECTIONS FILED WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS AS PART OF THE SPRAGUE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brochetti seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer Ordinance No. 190-2020 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

**THIRD READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 130-2020

9/8/2020

L-130-2020

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS TO HOUSE THEIR PRISONERS IN THE CITY OF PARMA DETENTION CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 130-2020 by accepting Exhibit "A". Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 130-2020 on Third Reading for final passage as amended.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 130-2020 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 130-2020 is adopted as amended.

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ORDINANCE NO. 159-2020

11/2/2020

L-159-2020

BY: **K. L. SABAN**, B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, V. DIPIERRO, A. DIVIS, R. J. JECH,  
D. LIME, L. NAPOLI  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BEST BIDDER, TO ACT AS THE SUPPLIER FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY OF PARMA'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 2021 TO \_\_\_\_\_, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Saban seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend Ordinance No. 159-2020 as follows: In the heading FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 2021 TO \_\_\_\_\_ SHALL BE REMOVED. In Section 1 line 2 the blank shall read NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) in line 4 FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 2021 TO \_\_\_\_\_ shall be removed and replaced with UNTIL FURTHER ACTION OF THIS COUNCIL and accept Exhibit "A". Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 159-2020 on Third Reading for final passage as amended.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 159-2020 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 159-2020 is adopted as amended.

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ORDINANCE NO. 160-2020

11/2/2020

L-160-2020

BY: **K. L. SABAN**, B. BROCHETTI, M. CASSELBERRY, V. DIPIERRO, A. DIVIS, R. J. JECH,  
D. LIME, L. NAPOLI  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BEST BIDDER, TO ACT AS THE SUPPLIER FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY OF PARMA'S ELECTRIC



DISTRICT (NEORS), UNDER THE MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (MCIP) FOR THE DESIGN COST OF THE GREEN ACRES DRIVE AREA SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 181-2020.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 181-2020 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 182-2020                      11/16/2020                      L-182-2020  
BY: M. CASSELBERRY  
(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), UNDER THE MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (MCIP) FOR THE DESIGN COST OF THE KRUEGER AVENUE AREA SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 182-2020.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 182-2020 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 185-2020                      11/16/2020                      L-185-2020  
BY: B. BROCHETTI  
(By Request – Human Resources Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 185-2020.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 185-2020 is adopted.

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**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

Mr. Brennan – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Resolution No. 194-2020 and Resolution No. 195-2020 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Brennan – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Resolution No. 194-2020 and Resolution No. 195-2020 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.  
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BY: B. BROCHETTI  
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR'S CASH TRANSFERS, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt  
Resolution No. 194-2020.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 194-2020 is adopted.

BY: **K. L. SABAN, D. LIME, M. CASSELBERRY, R. J. JECH**, B. BROCHETTI, V. DIPIERRO,  
A. DIVIS, L. NAPOLI  
(By Request – Mayor)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PARMA TO APPLY FOR THE  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT 2021 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt  
Resolution No. 195-2020.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 195-2020 is adopted.

**APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Kohar seconded by Councilman Casselberry to confirm  
the appointment of Crystal L. Beck, to fill the upcoming vacant position of Deputy Clerk I in the  
Council Office, effective January 25, 2021. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Kohar – Stated, the Appointment Scanning Committee met this evening  
to discuss the Reappointment of Reverend Mark Peyton, Kenneth Dworzniak and Jeffrey Sopko  
to the Fair Housing Review Board the term will expire on December 31, 2020 and their new  
appointment would be for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2023. Motion made by  
Councilwoman Kohar seconded by Councilman Casselberry to confirm the reappointment of  
Reverend Mark Peyton, Kenneth Dworzniak and Jeffrey Sopko to the Fair Housing Review Board  
as recommended by Mayor DeGeeter and the Appointment Scanning Committee of Council.  
Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No one wished to speak.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Safety Director Weinreich – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Auditor Day – Commended Council on their Holiday Spirit. Also, congratulated Mr.  
Brennan on his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon.

Law Director Dobeck – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Brochetti – Congratulated Mr. Brennan on his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon. Also, thanked Council for their Holiday Spirit.

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Councilman Casselberry – Congratulated Mr. Brennan on his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon. Also, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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Councilman Dipierro – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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Councilman Divis – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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Councilman Jech – Congratulated Mr. Brennan on his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon. Thanked the office staff on their hard work. Also, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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Councilwoman Kohar – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Councilwomen Lime and Saban for their help with her 1<sup>st</sup> year on Council.

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Councilwoman Lime – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanked Ken Ramser and the staff of the Council Office for their hard work.

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Councilman Napoli – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Congratulated Mr. Brennan on his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon.

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Councilwoman Saban – Congratulated Mr. Brennan on his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon. Thanked Ken Ramser and the staff of the Council Office for their hard work.

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President of Council Brennan – Stated that the Peanut Butter Drive had raised \$4,000 of \$5,000 goal. He is hoping that the additional \$1,000 can still be raised. Also, reminded everyone about the Scholarship application.

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Clerk of Council Ramser – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He expressed his sadness on the passing of Lisa Beeble’s brother.

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Councilman Jech – Asked for a moment of silence for Lisa and her family.

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**REPORT ON ABSENT OFFICIALS**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 8:08. Motion carried.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kenneth A. Ramser, Clerk of Council for the City of Parma, Ohio, hereby certifies this to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, December 21, 2020.

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

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

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