

**MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2023  
COUNCIL MEETING  
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:33 P.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	DEBORAH LIME KAMMY SHUMAN MONICA WILSON KELLY ZACHARIAS ALLAN DIVIS ROB EUERLE LINDA A. KOHAR KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL
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COUNCIL MEMBER EXCUSED:	MARK CASSELBERRY
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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, Staff Attorney Milos Veljkovic, Auditor Brian Day, Service Director Tony Vannello, Safety Director Bob Coury, Building Commissioner Dan Kulchytsky, City Engineer Has Mukh Patel, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi and Clerk of Council Kristin L. Saban.

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**INVOCATION**

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

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**VOICE VOTE:**

	RESOLUTION NO. 122-23	8/7/23
BY:	<b>K. C. KUSSMAUL</b> , M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, R. EUERLE, L. A. KOHAR, D. LIME, K. SHUMAN, M. WILSON, K. ZACHARIAS	

A RESOLUTION HONORING RICH CIESLAK 2023 COACH OF THE YEAR YOUTH  
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Motion made by Councilman Kussmaul seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Resolution No. 122-23. Motion carried.

Councilman Kussmaul presented a Resolution and Certificates from the Law Department, Auditor and Treasurer.

Mayor DeGeeter presented a Proclamation.

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

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**DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

Mr. Dipierro – Stated, you have before you the Minutes from the June 20, 2023, 2024 Tax Budget Hearing and the June 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Asked, if there were any additions or corrections? Stated, hearing none, the Minutes will stand as approved.

**FIRST READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 114-23

8/7/23

BY: D. LIME

(By Request – Community Services & Economic Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE 2023 SIDEWALK, CURB AND CATCH BASIN PROJECT AND FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL DESIGNATED BLIGHTED SECTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC SIDEWALK, CURB AND CATCH BASIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 115-23

8/7/23

BY: D. LIME

(By Request – Community Services & Economic Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE 2023 STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL DESIGNATED BLIGHTED SECTIONS OF COMMERCIAL CURB, PUBLIC SIDEWALK, CATCH BASIN AND TREE LAWN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 116-23

8/7/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY

(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

**SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 93-23

6/20/23

BY: R. EUERLE, K. KUSSMAUL  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PARMA FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RIDGEWOOD DRIVE BRIDGE NO. 03.50 OVER WEST CREEK (LOCATED WEST OF BROADVIEW ROAD) IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to refer Ordinance No. 93-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 109-23

7/24/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, K. SHUMAN  
(By Request – Service Director) (Special Meeting)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) FOR THE BONNY BANKS IMPROVEMENTS-DESIGN OF LOCAL STORM PIPE/HEADWALL PROJECT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to refer Ordinance No. 109-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 113-23

7/24/23

BY: K. SHUMAN (Special Meeting)

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE SIX (6) PARCELS OF LAND NEAR THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF RIDGE AND PLEASANT VALLEY ROADS IN THE CITY OF PARMA

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Ordinance No. 113-23 back to the Planning Committee. Motion carried.

**SECOND READING SUSPENSION:**

Mr. Dipierro – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 112-23 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kusmaul.

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 112-23

7/24/23

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

(Special Meeting)

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, BOULEVARDS AND PLACES IN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, BY PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 112-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 112-23 is adopted.

**THIRD READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 88-23

6/5/23

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BEST EQUIPMENT CO., FOR A NEW 13 CUBIC YARD LOADMASTER MODEL LEGACY REAR LOAD BODY MOUNTED ON A NEW 2024 MACK MD7 CAB & CHASSIS AT A LEASE RATE NOT TO EXCEED 8%, WITH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL AUTO FLEET PRICING OF \$226,020.00, CONTRACT NUMBER 060920-NAF, FOR THE PARMA SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 88-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 88-23 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-23

6/20/23

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR A NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE PARMA JUSTICE CENTER IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 101-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 101-23 is adopted.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

Mr. Dipierro – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 117-23, Resolution No. 118-23, Ordinance No. 119-23, Ordinance No. 120-23, and Ordinance No. 121-23 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Dipierro – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 117-23, Resolution No. 118-23, Ordinance No. 119-23, Ordinance No. 120-23 and Ordinance No. 121-23 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 117-23

8/7/23

BY: D. LIME  
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to amend Ordinance No. 117-23 by accepting Exhibit "A". Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 117-23 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 117-23 is adopted as amended.

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RESOLUTION NO. 118-23

8/7/23

BY: D. LIME  
(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 Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Resolution No. 118-23.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 118-23 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 119-23

8/7/23

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO COUNCIL 8 AND LOCAL 3924 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTING CITY HALL, RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A NEW POSITION TITLED "SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR", WITHIN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilwoman Lime to adopt Ordinance No. 119-23.

Yes: Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kusmaul.

No: None; Ordinance No. 119-23 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 120-23

8/7/23

BY: **K. KUSSMAUL, R. EUERLE, A. DIVIS, D. LIME, L. A. KOHAR, K. SHUMAN**  
(By Request – Recreation Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SNIDER RECREATION, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR HETZEL PARK, JOHN PETRUSKA PARK, AND WALTER'S GROVE PARK AT STATE BID PRICING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if the playground equipment was funded by a grant?  
Recreation Commissioner Vittardi – Stated, that 67% of it was covered by a ODNR grant, also all the playground equipment has been installed. The parks were chosen because of their age being over 34 years old.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to amend Ordinance No. 120-23 by accepting revised Ordinance No. 120-23. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 120-23 as amended.

Yes: Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kusmaul.

No: None; Ordinance No. 120-23 is adopted as amended.

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ORDINANCE NO. 121-23

8/7/23

BY: **D. LIME, A. DIVIS, L. A. KOHAR**  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PFUND SUPERIOR SALES CO., UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 CHEVY 5500 HIGHLINER MED UNIT FOR THE PARMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Lime – Asked, what is a Chevy 5500 Highlander Med Unit?  
Mayor DeGeeter – Stated, it is an ambulance. Also, that it is 100% funded by grant money.

Safety Director Coury – Stated, that the grant was for \$300,000.00, it will replace a 2008 ambulance that is past its prime. Also, the new ambulance will have a UV light which kills the COVID virus in one hour, in the past it took 24 hours.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 121-23.

Yes: Lime, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Divis, Euerle, Kohar, Kusmaul.

No: None; Ordinance No. 121-23 is adopted.

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

No one wished to speak.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – No comment.

Safety Director Coury – Reminded everyone that the Safety Fair is Saturday, August 12.

Service Director Vannello – No comment.

Auditor Day – No comment.

Staff Attorney Veljkovic – No comment.

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Councilwoman Lime – Stated that the Community Garage Sale is August 10, 11 & 12. Also, the Safety Fair is August 12. Thanked the Mayor, Safety Director and Service Director for their help with the We are Parma Proud picnic.

Councilwoman Shuman – No comment.

Councilwoman Wilson – Thanked the Service Department for their great response when the flooding occurred.

Councilwoman Zacharias – No comment.

Councilman Divis – Stated that he was at the We are Parma Proud picnic, everyone did a wonderful job.

Councilman Euerle – Stated that Councilman Kussmaul did a great job on his Safety Meeting. Thanked the Service Director on doing a great job on the roads, the residents are very happy.

Councilwoman Kohar – No comment.

Councilman Kussmaul – Thanked the Safety Director for all his hard work with the Ward 6 Safety Meeting. Also, thanked the Service Director and Recreation Commissioner for their work at Hetzel Park.

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**REPORT ON ABSENT MEMBERS**

Motion made by Councilman Euerle seconded by Councilwoman Lime to excuse Councilman Casselberry from said meeting. Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adjourn said meeting at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried.

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**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, August 7, 2023.

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

/s/ Vito Dipierro  
Vito Dipierro  
President of Council

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