

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
COUNCIL MEETING  
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:35 P.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	ROB EUERLE KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL KAMMY SHUMAN MONICA WILSON KELLY ZACHARIAS AMANDA BOYD MARK CASSELBERRY ALLAN DIVIS
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COUNCIL MEMBER EXCUSED:	DEBORAH LIME
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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 Scott Tuma, Auditor Brian Day, Service Director Tony Vannello, Safety Director Bob Coury, Building Commissioner Dan Kulchytsky, City Engineer Hasmukh Patel, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Community Development Director Erik Tollerup, Chief of Staff Rich Summers, and Clerk of Council Kristin L. Saban.

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**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Father John Nakonachny.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

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No one wished to speak.

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**VOICE VOTE:**

	RESOLUTION NO. 21-24	2/20/24
BY:	<b>KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL, ROB EUERLE,</b> AMANDA BOYD, MARK CASSELBERRY, ALLAN DIVIS, DEBORAH LIME, KAMMY SHUMAN, MONICA WILSON, KELLY ZACHARIAS	

A RESOLUTION HONORING FATHER JOHN NAKONACHNY ON HIS RETIREMENT  
AFTER 51 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD AND MANY YEARS OF  
SERVICE AS PASTOR OF ST. VLADIMIR CATHEDRAL

Motion made by Councilman Kussmaul seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Resolution No. 21-24. Motion carried.

Councilmen Kussmaul and Euerle presented a Resolution and Certificates.

Mayor DeGeeter presented a Proclamation.

House Representative Brennan presented a Certificate.

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Council recessed to re-open the Committee Meetings at 7:12 P.M. and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:48 P.M.

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**DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

Mr. Dipierro – Stated, you have before you the Minutes from the February 5, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Asked if there were any additions or corrections? Stated, hearing none, the minutes will stand approved as printed.

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**FIRST READING:**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-24

2/20/24

BY: ALLAN DIVIS  
(By Request – Service Director)

A RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND, UPON MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA, FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS, STORM SEWERS, AND WATER MAINS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 19-24

2/20/24

BY: MARK CASSELBERRY, ALLAN DIVIS  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2024 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) (NEC) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-24

2/20/24

BY: DEBORAH LIME  
(By Request – Safety Director)

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

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

**SECOND READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 3-24 1/16/24  
BY: DEBORAH LIME, KAMMY SHUMAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 777 "TATTOO OPERATIONS" OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Divis seconded by Councilman Casselberry to amend  
Ordinance No. 3-24 and accept amended Exhibit "A" and refer Ordinance No. 3-24 back to the  
Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-24 2/5/24  
BY: MARK CASSELBERRY, ALLAN 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 THE 2024 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE  
PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to refer  
Ordinance No. 11-24 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-24 2/5/24  
BY: MARK CASSELBERRY, ALLAN 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 THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT CONCRETE,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to refer  
Ordinance No. 12-24 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-24 2/5/24  
BY: MARK CASSELBERRY, ALLAN 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 THE PURCHASE OF TACK COAT AND PRIME  
COAT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to refer  
Ordinance No. 13-24 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

BY: DEBORAH LIME  
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 143.01 "PERSONNEL  
WITHIN RANKS" WITHIN CHAPTER 143 "DIVISION OF POLICE"  
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Divis seconded by Councilman Casselberry to refer  
Ordinance No. 16-24 back to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

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**THIRD READING:**

RESOLUTION NO. 1-24

1/16/24

BY: KAMMY SHUMAN

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE CLERK OF COUNCIL AND THE  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL AS THE DESIGNEES OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PARMA TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED PUBLIC RECORDS  
TRAINING AS MANDATED BY STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt  
Resolution No. 1-24.

Yes: Euerle, Kussmaul, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd, Casselberry, Divis.  
No: None; Resolution No. 1-24 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7-24

1/16/24

BY: MARK 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 FEES AT RIDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE,  
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt  
Ordinance No. 7-24.

Yes: Euerle, Kussmaul, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd, Casselberry, Divis.  
No: None; Ordinance No. 7-24 is adopted.

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**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

Mr. Dipierro – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct  
reading of Resolution No. 20-24, Ordinance No. 22-24, and Ordinance No. 24-24 on three  
different days be dispensed with?

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

My Dipierro – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Resolution No. 20-24, Ordinance No. 22-24, and Ordinance No. 24-24 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Euerle, Kussmaul, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd, Casselberry, Divis.

No: None; motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO.20-24

2/20/24

BY: MARK CASSELBERRY  
(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 Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 20-24.

Yes: Euerle, Kussmaul, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd, Casselberry, Divis.

No: None; Resolution No. 20-24 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-24

2/20/24

BY: MARK CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS OF THE  
CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 22-24.

Yes: Euerle, Kussmaul, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd, Casselberry, Divis.

No: None; Ordinance No. 22-24 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-24

2/20/24

BY: **KELLY ZACHARIAS, MONICA WILSON**

AN ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE THE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE AND  
PROCESSING OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES,  
CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS OF ADULT RECREATIONAL USE MARIJUANA  
WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 24-24.

Yes: Euerle, Kussmaul, Shuman, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd, Casselberry, Divis.

No: None; Ordinance No. 24-24 is adopted.

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**RECONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION:**

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**APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Wilson seconded by Councilman Casselberry to reappoint Daniel Hoffman to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Hoffman's term will expire on March 1, 2024. His new appointment would be for a six (6) year term ending on March 1, 2030. Motion carried.

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### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – No comment.

Safety Director Coury – No comment.

Service Director Vannello – No comment.

Auditor Day - No comment.

Law Director Tuma – Stated he will be presenting his first budget on February 21, 2024.

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Councilman Euerle made a motion to suspend round robin seconded by Councilman Casselberry. Motion carried.

Councilman Kussmaul – Reminded everyone about the Vigil of Remembrance at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist to mark the two year of the full scale war in Ukraine.

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### **REPORT ON ABSENT MEMBERS**

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

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 8:00 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 Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

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

/s/ Vito Dipierro  
Vito Dipierro  
President of Council

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