

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:48 P.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	LINDA A. KOHAR KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL DEBORAH LIME KAMMY SHUMAN KELLY ZACHARIAS MARK CASSELBERRY ALLAN DIVIS ROB EUERLE
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Mrs. Saban – Mr. Chairman, the Roll Call 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, Safety Director Bob Coury, Building Commissioner Dan Kulchytsky, City Engineer Has Mukh Patel, Communication and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Chief of Staff Rich Summers and Clerk of Council Kristin L. Saban.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VOICE VOTE:

	RESOLUTION NO. 13-23	2/6/23
BY:	D. LIME , M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, R. EUERLE, L.A. KOHAR, K. KUSSMAUL, K. SHUMAN, K. ZACHARIAS	

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PARMA AS THE PACZKI CAPITAL OF OHIO
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 13-23.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 13-23 is adopted.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Dipierro – Stated, you have before you the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 17, 2023 and the Special Council Meeting of February 1, 2023. Asked if

there were any additions or corrections to the minutes? Stated, hearing none, the minutes will stand as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Mrs. Saban – Stated, the Law Department Annual Report 2022 and the Recreation Department Annual Report 2022 were both forwarded to Council and copies will be kept in the Council office.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-23 2/6/23
BY: M. CASSELBERRY, D. LIME, A. DIVIS
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TESCO FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 STARTRANS SENATOR II, 2023 CHEVROLET G-3500 TWELVE (12) PASSENGER BUS, UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO BID PRICING FOR THE DONNA SMALLWOOD ACTIVITIES CENTER, WITH PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17-23 2/6/23
BY: D. LIME

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY TO CONFORM TO CURRENT STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18-23 2/6/23
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. Dipierro – Said Ordinance to be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-23 2/6/23
BY: K. SHUMAN

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. Dipierro – Said Ordinance to be referred to the Governmental Operations Committee.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 168-22, BY ACCEPTING A NEW EXHIBIT "A" FOR THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA AND THE SOUTHWEST ENFORCEMENT BUREAU (SEB) FOR THE LEASE OF CITY LAND FOR PURPOSES OF STORING SEB EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT 7355 RIDGE ROAD IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

BY: M. CASSELBERRY, D. LIME
(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) 2023 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

SECOND READING:

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – Law Director)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, BOULEVARDS AND PLACES IN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, BY PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Resolution No. 1-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH 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 by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Ordinance No. 2-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NORTH AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM STATE ROAD TO BROADVIEW ROAD, CONSISTING OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING WATERLINE AND ASPHALT OVERLAY WITH ALL OF THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Ordinance No. 3-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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 SEVERAL RECREATION FEES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Ordinance No. 11-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE NO. 423-06 TO AMEND THE COMPENSATION RANGE FOR VARIOUS PART-TIME POSITIONS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Ordinance No. 12-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

THIRD READING:

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH JACKSON-DIEKEN, FOR SPECIAL MULTI-PERIL INSURANCE INCLUDING BUILDINGS, CONTENTS AND BOILERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 211-22 as follows: In Section 1, line 4, the blank shall read \$112,357.00. Further

moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 211-22 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 211-22 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 211-22 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 212-22

12/19/22

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH U.S. SPECIALITY INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH JACKSON-DIEKEN, FOR MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 212-22 as follows: In Section 1, line 4, the blank shall read \$207,761.00. Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 212-22 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 212-22 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 212-22 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 213-22

12/19/22

BY: **A. DIVIS**, D. LIME, K. SHUMAN, M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF PARMA'S LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE FENWAY STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 213-22 as follows: In Section 1, line 3 after the words "contract with" please add Cook Paving and Construction Company. In Section 1, line 6 the blank shall read \$143,724.00. Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 213-22 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 213-22 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 213-22 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 214-22

12/19/22

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

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BROADROCK COURT AND OLD ROCKSIDE ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT CONSISTING OF THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, FROM BROADVIEW ROAD TO EAST PARMA CORPORATION LINE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 214-22 as follows: In Section 1, line 7, the blank shall read \$162,197.00. Further moved to waive Rule 52 and place Ordinance No. 214-22 on Third Reading as amended for passage. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 214-22 as amended.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 214-22 is adopted as amended.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Dipierro – Shall the Statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 15-23, Ordinance No. 16-23, Ordinance No. 20-23, Ordinance No. 21-23, Resolution 22-23, and Ordinance No. 24-23 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Dipierro – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 15-23, Ordinance No. 16-23, Ordinance No. 20-23, Ordinance No. 21-23, Resolution No. 22-23, and Ordinance No. 24-23 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – Auditor)

ORDINANCE NO. 15-23

2/6/23

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

Councilwoman Lime – Asked for an explanation?

Auditor Day – Explained that this is for 2 Chevy Tahoes for the Fire Department.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 15-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 15-23 is adopted.

BY: M. CASSELBERRY
(By Request – Auditor)

ORDINANCE NO. 16-23

2/6/23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE 2023 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Lime – Asked for an explanation of the item that is listed as Assistant City Engineer?

Auditor Day – When the temporary budget was created, money was allocated for a new position but not in a specific line item. The money is now being moved to the Assistant Engineer Position.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if the new employee has Engineering credentials?

Service Director Vanello – Stated the new employee has a college degree but not engineering credentials which is why she is not making as much as the previous Assistant City Engineer Melissa Morrow, who has been moved to the Building Department. The new employee has been working on grant applications with Mr. Patel.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked what Melissa Morrow’s new title is in the Building Department? Also asked how many more Building Inspectors are we going to be hiring?

Safety Director Coury – Stated that the department is currently posting for an additional Property Maintenance Inspector and once that position is filled, the department should have enough inspectors to meet the current need.

Building Commissioner Kulchytsky – Stated that Melissa Morrow’s new title will be Building, Planning, and Zoning Coordinator.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked if there is a line item for Assistant Engineer already in the temporary budget?

Auditor Day – Stated there will be a line item for this in the permanent appropriations when budgets done. This item is new for the temporary appropriations and will carry us through the creation of the permanent budget.

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 16-23 by accepting Revised Exhibit “A”. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 16-23 as amended.

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

No: Lime; Ordinance No. 16-23 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-23

2/6/23

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF PARMA’S LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE WEST RIDGEWOOD DRIVE SEWER REPAIR PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 20-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 20-23 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-23

2/6/23

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF PARMA’S LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE FOREST AVENUE SEWER REPAIR PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 21-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 21-23 is adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-23

2/6/23

BY: M. 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 Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 22-23.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 22-23 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23

2/6/23

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 148-21, FOR THE REPAIR AND RESURFACING OF PEARL ROAD FROM SNOW ROAD TO BROOKPARK ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Lime – Asked what the legislation is referring to when it says there is a balance of \$750,000? Is this something we will get reimbursed or do we still have to pay it out?

Service Director Vanello – The cost shown in the legislation is an estimate of Parma's share of the total cost which is \$1,057,655. There is an OPWC loan for \$307,655.00, and then the balance that the City is responsible for is \$750,000. Further stated that the project is not completed yet and the final costs will be determined by ODOT and possibly adjusted later.

Councilwoman Lime – Asked what items are not completed yet? Stated there is a chuckhole already at Pearl and Ridge Road.

Engineer Patel – Stated the project is almost done and ODOT is now working on final contingency items and if there is a chuckhole the contractor can address that.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 24-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 24-23 is adopted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Mr. Dipierro – Stated that Council held a Special Meeting on February 1, 2023 to interview the 4 candidates for Ward 1 Councilperson. Invited each candidate to come forward to briefly introduce themselves to the administration and public.

Russell Potoma – Good evening, I am Russell Potoma. I've lived at 8006 Fernhill Avenue in Ward 1 for the last 10 years. I'm married, my wife is a kindergarten teacher at Dentzler. I've worked for the City of Solon as a Correctional Officer full time for the past 7 years. I've done the union for 5 years and I've been a field training officer for the last 6 years. Thank you.

James Miller – Good evening, everybody. My name's James Miller, I live at 11470 Richard Drive in Parma, I've lived there for about 7 years. I have been in Parma for almost 15 years. I am married with 2 children; my wife is a registered nurse at Metro Health. I am a truck driver plus concrete finisher. I have a son who is going to be 13 next week, he is very active in Parma Parks and Rec, he's active in baseball, basketball, football for Greenbriar. My daughter is 17, she is going to be going to college here soon. I just want to let everyone know that I may not be the very one that you want to pick for Council, I am probably the least qualified for it, but if you guys pick me, I will do my best to bring Ward 1 all together and to make sure that Ward 1 is one of the best in Parma. Thank you.

Monica Wilson – Good evening everyone, I'm Monica Wilson. As a Parma resident for over 30 years, I know the value of this City Council position and its importance to creating meaningful policy and public engagement. Growing up in a working-class union household along with the values instilled in me by my mother and father has prepared me for this opportunity to service the citizens of Parma. Upon moving to Ohio, I utilized my BS and MS Chemical Engineering degrees in the paints and coatings industry where I work now as a global product manager. This position requires an advanced level of expertise and the proficiency to work across languages and cultures to successfully manage global multi million projects. This working experience and aptitude to work with people from all background positions me as a qualified applicant to make the right decisions for our citizens. I listen and act to resolve problems and implement solutions to everyone's benefit. I will work on the bread-and-butter issues, such as roads, security, city services, along with looking for long term solutions to increase the quality of life in our Ward 1 community. My personal motto is that there is nothing more important on earth than a human being. All people must be at the table to create a better community and that's why I want to be the voice of Ward 1, Parma, Ohio. Thank you.

Dan McCarthy – Hi, I'm Daniel P. McCarthy. I've lived in Ward 1 all of my life, in the same house, 61 years. There are fine candidates here, but I am the only candidate who can demonstrate a long track record of proven results obtained for residents in Ward 1 as well as Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills. I have many civic accomplishments. A current one I have is Chief Bobak hooked me up with Captain Zarzeczny because I was very dismayed that the Citizens Police Academy did not have enough people and they had to cancel it. This is something I did, so it's very near and dear to my heart so I am collaborating with him to try to promote this because it's a bridge to the community and a very important tool. I've got business ties, awards, recognitions, I have a lot of personal relationships from St. Bridget's. I'll set the record straight, I remember Vito Dipierro's first day in Council. I thought he did a great job and I declined to ever run against him, even though I was asked to more than once. When it became apparent to me that Vito would be sitting there in the summer and fall, I made it clear that I now wanted to run for the seat. As soon as it was possible, I pulled petitions. I went out that week, I spent 5 hours and 20 minutes and got 50 signatures on my petition. I think it was easy because when I knock on doors in my ward, people know me. Sometimes I went to kindergarten with them, and their parents are still there. So, I think it's really important and lot of my residents felt the same thing, that someone that has grown up here and really knows Ward 1 can represent Ward 1 the best. One of my favorite writers Phil Ochs said that in every deep tragedy there is always something present that is ridiculous. We are filled up with that in America. I think the George Santos situation kind of reflects on that. It's really important for voters to find out everything about candidates before the election, not afterwards. I think my life is an open book, my views are very well known, 14 years of publishing the paper I have written and articulated many times. It's all out there, I'm not concealing anything or scrubbing my social media, you can find out everything I've ever thought or said is a public

record. Literally, I am an open book. I think we had a good presentation on Wednesday, I'm not going to go through all that again, you've all heard it. I'm just going to say that my fate is in your hands, the fate of ward 1 and all the residents is in your hands tonight. Thank you very much for your time.

Mr. Dipierro – Thanked applicants for coming forward. Stated that there are a lot of good options. Stated that the roll of Council will now be called and that each Council Member should state the name of candidate that they are voting for.

Councilwoman Kohar – Monica Wilson
Councilman Kussmaul – Dan McCarthy
Councilwoman Lime – Monica Wilson
Councilwoman Shuman – Monica Wilson
Councilwoman Zacharias – Monica Wilson
Councilman Casselberry – Monica Wilson
Councilman Divis – Dan McCarthy
Councilman Euerle – Dan McCarthy

Mrs. Saban – Stated with Ms. Wilson carrying 5 votes and Mr. McCarthy carrying 3 votes, Ms. Wilson has the majority and will be the new Councilperson for Ward 1. Congratulated Monica Wilson and invited her to come forward to be sworn into office by Law Director Dobeck.

Law Director Dobeck – Administered the Oath of Office to Monica Wilson.

Mr. Dipierro – Congratulated Councilwoman Wilson and stated he is looking forward to working with her. Invited her to say a few words to her new colleagues and the public.

Councilwoman Wilson – Thanked Council members and stated she wanted them to know she is absolutely thrilled and looking forward to working with them all and serving Ward 1 in Parma.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one wished to speak.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

State Representative Brennan – Said everyone should feel comfortable continuing to call him anytime. Congratulated Monica Wilson on her appointment to Council. Presented certificate to Mr. Dipierro.

Mayor DeGeeter – Thanked the applicants for Council and congratulated Councilwoman Wilson.

Safety Director Coury – Stated that he has so far received 2 requests from Council regarding Ward Safety Meetings. Reminded Council that they have to fill out a block party application and reserve the date for their meeting.

Service Director Vannello – Reminded Council that the Service Department is finalizing the paving list for 2023 and 2024. Thanked those Council members who have given him a list and asked other Council members to please reach out by the end of the week if there is something to add.

Auditor Day – Thanked Council applicants and stated that it says a lot about a person when they are able to put themselves out there and it is very clear that all the applicants want to make their ward a better place. Wished Councilwoman Wilson the best.

Law Director Dobeck – Thanked all Council applicants and congratulated Councilwoman Wilson.

Treasurer Mastroianni – Thanked all Council applicants and encouraged them to continue to be active in the Ward. Stated he hoped he would see them again. Congratulated Councilwoman Wilson.

Councilwoman Kohar – Stated it was a hard vote that and that she respects Mr. McCarthy a great deal and appreciates his efforts. Wished everyone good luck in the General Election.

Councilman Kussmaul – Thanked the applicants for applying and stated he is looking forward to working with Councilwoman Wilson.

Councilwoman Lime – Congratulated Councilwoman Wilson and stated that she hopes the other applicants will stay involved. Stated that she sat on Council when she was the only female, and now the Council has a female majority.

Councilwoman Shuman – Thanked everyone for applying and stated that they all bring something different and are all very impressive. She hopes applicants will continue to be active and that they will reach out to Councilwoman Wilson with any ideas they have.

Councilwoman Zacharias – Thanked candidates for applying and stated she was happy to see so much interest in the position. Stated she hopes applicants will stay involved.

Councilman Casselberry – Thanked everyone for applying and stated it was a very tough vote. Congratulated Councilwoman Wilson.

Councilman Divis – Thanked everyone for applying and stated that everyone did a great job. Stated that he hopes the applicants not chosen will stay active. Congratulated Councilwoman Wilson.

Councilman Euerle – Thanked applicants for applying and congratulated Councilwoman Wilson

Council Clerk Saban – Thanked everyone for applying. Congratulated Councilwoman Wilson and stated that she can count on her for any help she needs.

Council President Dipierro – Thanked State Representative Brennan for the certificate. Thanked the applicants for applying and stated that they all had very impressive resumes and brought unique things to the table. Congratulated Councilwoman Wilson and advised her to reach out if she needs anything.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 7:46 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, February 6, 2023.

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

/s/ Vito Dipierro
Vito Dipierro
President of Council

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