

**MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2023  
COUNCIL MEETING  
PARMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:30 P.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	MARK CASSELBERRY ALLAN DIVIS LINDA A KOHAR KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL DEBORAH LIME KAMMY SHUMAN MONICA WILSON KELLY ZACHARIAS
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COUNCIL MEMBER EXCUSED:	ROB EUERLE
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Ms. 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, Assistant Law Director Timothy Miller, Auditor Brian Day, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Service Director Tony Vannello, Safety Director Bob Coury, Building Commissioner Dan Kulchytsky, City Engineer Hasmukh Patel, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Chief of Staff Rich Summers 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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**CERTIFICATES**

Mr. Dipierro – Asked the representative from the Cuyahoga County Library Parma-Powers Branch to come forward. Councilwoman Kohar and Mayor DeGeeter presented the Certificates.

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Mr. Dipierro – Asked the Dance Step World Finalists to come forward. Councilman Divis, Councilwoman Zacharias, Mayor DeGeeter and House Rep Sean Brennan presented the Certificates.

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

## DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Dipierro – Stated, you have before you the Minutes from the October 2, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Asked if there were additions or corrections to the Minutes? Stated, hearing none the minutes will stand approved as printed.

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## COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Councilwoman Shuman- Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met this evening to discuss the proposal to vary for the applicant Brian Tomash, 6106 Belmere Drive. The request is for an Area Variance Section 1189.01 Erection of Buildings Between Building Line and Street. The proposal is to construct a covered front porch that projects 6 feet forward of the building line. The Variance would result in a porch extending 6 feet further towards the street than code allows.

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to grant the Variance as recommended by the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

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Councilwoman Shuman – Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met this evening to discuss the proposal to vary for the applicants Samir and Sadika Alatrash, 2215 Coventry Drive. The request is for an Area Variance Section 1153.03 (b)(6) – Single Family House Districts – Accessory Uses & Building Regulations – Parking Areas. The proposal is to construct a parking pad to the interior of the lot. The variance would result in allowing additional parking area in front of the house.

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to grant the Variance as recommended by the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

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Councilwoman Shuman – Stated, the Planning Committee of Council met this evening to discuss the proposal to vary for the applicant Timothy Boyko, 6300 Rockside Road, Suite 303, Independence, Ohio 44131. PPN 455-19-004, 005, 007, 009 and 455-19-023, 024. The first request is for an Area Variance of **Section 1156.02 (c) Principal Uses**. The proposal is to construct attached dwellings (townhouses) that contain five dwelling units. The variance would result in allowing attached single family cluster buildings with 5 units. The second request is for an Area Variance of **Section 1156.04(a) Area and Density Requirements**. The proposal is to construct a subdivision comprised of 9 acres of land. The variance would result in allowing a subdivision to be constructed with 6 less acres than code requires. The third request is for an Area Variance of **Section 1156.05(d) Building Arrangements and Spacing Requirements**. The proposal is to construct townhome buildings of 4 and 5 attached dwelling units. The variance would result in allowing 1 and 2 more dwelling units be attached than code allows.

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilman Casselberry to grant the variances as recommended by the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Committee of Council. Councilwomen Lime and Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

## **AMENDMENT TO THE CALENDAR**

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to remove Ordinance No. 159-23 from Suspension of the Rules. Motion carried.

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### **FIRST READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 152-23 10/16/23  
BY: M. CASSELBERRY, A. DIVIS, L. A. KOHAR  
(By Request – Service Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARCHITECT AGREEMENT TO AUTHORIZE REMAINING BASIC SERVICES FOR THE NEW EVENT CENTER/CLUBHOUSE AT RIDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 154-23 10/16/23  
BY: D. LIME

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 630.04 "CURFEW" WITHIN CHAPTER 630 "MINORS" RELATING TO CURFEW PENALTIES FOR MINORS WITHIN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 157-23 10/16/23  
BY: M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF ZASHIN & RICH CO., L.P.A. FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH VARIOUS BARGAINING UNITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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### **SECOND READING:**

RESOLUTION NO. 150-23 10/2/23  
BY: K. SHUMAN, A. DIVIS  
(By Request – City Engineer)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE VALLEY VILLAS DRIVE, A PORTION OF YORK ROAD, AND A PORTION OF STATE ROAD BY PROVIDING THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Casselberry seconded by Councilwoman Lime to refer Resolution No. 150-23 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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**THIRD READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 134-23

9/18/23

BY: K. SHUMAN  
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PARMA RESIDENTS FOR THE YEARS 2024 AND 2025, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$588,309.00 FOR 2024 AND \$649,168.00 FOR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 134-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 134-23 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 135-23

9/18/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Law 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 LAW DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 135-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 135-23 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 139-23

9/18/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY  
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES TO CERTAIN DESIGNATED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 139-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 139-23 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 Ordinance No. 151-23, Resolution No. 155-23, Resolution No. 156-23 and Resolution No. 158-23 on three different days be dispensed with?

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

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Dipierro – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 151-23, Resolution No. 155-23, Resolution No. 156-23 and Resolution No. 158-23 be placed on final passage?

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

No: None; motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 151-23

10/16/23

BY: D. LIME

(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 630.05 "SALES OF CIGARETTES, CIGARS, TOBACCO TO MINORS" WITHIN CHAPTER 630 "MINORS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Ordinance No. 151-23.

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

No: None; Ordinance No. 151-23 is adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 155-23

10/16/23

BY: M. CASSELBERRY

(By Request – Auditor)

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

Auditor Day – Stated that this is the first of three transfers which were budgeted. Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adopt Resolution No. 155-23.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 155-23 is adopted.

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. 156-23.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 156-23 is adopted.

BY: D. LIME

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE APPLICATION OF A LIQUOR PERMIT  
FOR FAMILY DOLLAR, 5455 RIDGE ROAD IN PARMA, OHIO, A LOCATION  
THAT IS A DRY PRECINCT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Kussmaul seconded by Councilwoman Lime to  
amend Resolution No. 158-23 as follows: At the end of Section 1 add, unless if  
approved by the voters of the precinct. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to  
adopt Resolution No. 158-23 as amended.

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

No: None; Resolution No. 158-23 is adopted as amended.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Resident stated that she would like to have the Pink Flamingo be named the bird  
of Parma.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – No comment.

Safety Director Coury – No comment.

Service Director Vannello – Asked for the Councilmembers to look over the 2024  
– 2025 street repair list and respond with any comments or questions.

Auditor Day – No comment.

Assistant Law Director Miller – No comment.

Treasurer Mastroianni – No comment

Councilman Casselberry – Wished everyone a Happy Halloween and to be  
careful.

Councilman Divis – Wished everyone a Happy Halloween and thanked Stearns  
Homestead for the wonderful fall festival.

Councilwoman Kohar – No comment.

Councilman Kussmaul – Thanked the Clerk of Council and the office staff with their work on the Audio upgrade and the first meeting being live streamed. Also, recognized Assistant Law Director Miller on it being possibly his last meeting before his retirement.

Councilwoman Lime – Reminded everyone about the Treat and Greet being held on Saturday, October 21 from 11:00 to 2:00.

Councilwoman Shuman – Thanked the Safety and Service department for their help at her Safety Meeting at CCC.

Councilwoman Wilson – Thanked the Safety and Service Department for their outstanding help with a desperate situation in her ward.

Councilwoman Zacharias – No comment.

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### **REPORT ON ABSENT MEMBERS**

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

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilman Casselberry to adjourn said meeting at 7:06 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, October 16, 2023.

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

/s/ Vito Dipierro  
Vito Dipierro  
President of Council

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