

**MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2026  
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:	ALLAN DIVIS ROB EUERLE KEVIN C. KUSSMAUL DEBORAH LIME KAMMY SHUMAN JOHN SOEDER MONICA WILSON KELLY ZACHARIAS AMANDA BOYD
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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 M. Tuma, Auditor Brian Day, Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Service Director Tony Vannello, Safety Director Bob Coury, Building Commissioner Dan Kulchytsky, Communications and Community Relations Director Carolyn Kovach, 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 Councilwoman Monica Wilson.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**CERTIFICATES**

Councilwoman Zacharias and Mayor DeGeeter presented Certificates recognizing Sydney Borowy of Magnificat High School for her outstanding accomplishments in volleyball.

Councilman Kussmaul, Councilman Soeder and Mayor DeGeeter presented C.B. Graphics with the Business of the Month Award for January 2025.

Councilman Divis and Mayor DeGeeter presented The Butcher Family with a First Place plaque and award for winning First Place in the Holiday Lights Contest.

Councilwoman Shuman and Mayor DeGeeter presented the Bazil Family with a Second Place plaque and award for winning Second Place in the Holiday Lights Contest.

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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 December 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, the December 29, 2025 Special Council Meeting and the January 5, 2026 Organizational Meeting. 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**  
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Request for a STK/LLC change C-2, C-1 Permit for York Gas LLC, 10602 W Pleasant Valley Rd., Parma, Ohio, 44130. Mailed December 11, 2025. Responses must be postmarked no later than January 11, 2026.

Mr. Dipierro – Stated, copy of Liquor Permit Application was referred to Council and the Safety Director.

Request for a transfer D-3, D-3A and D-6 from Pointe Pub LLC dba Pointe Pub Bar & Grille, 14395 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, Ohio, 44136 to Azteca Parma LLC dba Azteca Mexican Restaurant & Margarita Bar, 7729 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma, Ohio, 44129. Mailed December 30, 2025. Responses must be postmarked no later than January 30, 2026.

Mr. Dipierro – Stated, copy of Liquor Permit Application was referred to Council and the Safety Director.

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Mrs. Saban – Stated, the Recreation Department’s 2025 Annual Report, The Council Office 2025 Annual Report and the Law Department 2025 Annual Reports have been received and will be on file in the Council Office.  
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**FIRST READING:**

RESOLUTION NO. 1-26

1/20/26

BY: M. WILSON

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

Mr. Dipierro – Said Resolution No. 1-26 will be referred to the Governmental Operations Committee.

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ORDINANCE NO. 4-26

1/20/26

BY: K. SHUMAN  
(By Request – Parks & Recreation Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF DIVISION (b) OF SECTION 185.05 "FEES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, RELATIVE TO FEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Dipierro – Said Ordinance No. 4-26 will be referred to the Finance Committee.

BY: K. SHUMAN  
(By Request – Parks & Recreation Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 423-06 TO AMEND POSITIONS WITHIN THE "DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Shuman seconded by Councilwoman Lime to amend Ordinance No. 5-26 by accepting Revised Exhibit A. Motion carried.  
Mr. Dipierro – Said Ordinance No. 5-26 will be referred to the Finance Committee as amended.

**SECOND READING: NONE**

**THIRD READING:**

BY: K. SHUMAN, A. DIVIS  
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VALLEY VILLAS DRIVE, YORK ROAD, AND STATE ROAD SEPTIC ABATEMENT PROJECT, CONSISTING OF THE INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 174-25.  
Yes: Divis, Euerle, Kusmaul, Lime, Shuman, Soeder, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd.  
No: None; Ordinance No. 174-25 is adopted.

BY: K. ZACHARIAS  
(By Request – Community Services & Economic Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH WELLNET PROPERTIES, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2027, TO BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF PARMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Ordinance No. 229-25.  
Yes: Divis, Euerle, Kusmaul, Lime, Shuman, Soeder, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd.  
No: None; Ordinance No. 229-25 is adopted.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

Mr. Dipierro – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 48 requiring the full and distinct reading of Resolution No. 2-26, Resolution No. 3-26 and Resolution No. 6-26 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Divis, Euerle, Kusmaul, Lime, Shuman, Soeder, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd.  
No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Dipierro – Shall Rule 45 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and of Resolution No. 2-26, Resolution No. 3-26 and Resolution No. 6-26 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Divis, Euerle, Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Soeder, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd.

No: None; motion carried

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RESOLUTION NO. 2-26

1/20/26

BY: A BOYD  
(By Request – Mayor)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSFER FORM (TRES) ALLOWING POINTE PUB LLC TO TRANSFER A LIQUOR PERMIT HELD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO AZTECA PARMA LLC, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Resolution No. 2-26.

Yes: Divis, Euerle, Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Soeder, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd.

No: None; Resolution No. 2-26 is adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3-26

1/20/26

BY: K. SHUMAN  
(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. 3-26.

Yes: Divis, Euerle, Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Soeder, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd.

No: None; Resolution No. 3-26 is adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 6-26

1/20/26

BY: M. WILSON, D. LIME, J. SOEDER, K. ZACHARIAS, A. DIVIS, K.C. KUSSMAUL, K. SHUMAN, A. BOYD, R. EUERLE  
(By Request – Mayor)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilwoman Lime seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adopt Resolution No. 6-26.

Yes: Divis, Euerle, Kussmaul, Lime, Shuman, Soeder, Wilson, Zacharias, Boyd.

No: None; Resolution No. 6-26 is adopted.

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

Resident at 3974 Jeanne Drive spoke about flooding from Hilltop Drive to his home. Service Director Vannello and Councilman Kussmaul stated they would meet with the resident immediately after the meeting to discuss further.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor DeGeeter – Thanked Service Director Vannello and Councilman Kussmaul for assisting the resident on Jeanne Drive. Encouraged everyone to stay warm in the coming days.

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Safety Director Coury – Gave an update on the city’s response to the cold weather by stating that the Senior Center had been designated as a warming center, but no one took advantage. Stated that the Dispatch Center will manage any calls received regarding warming needs and will determine the need for warming centers as needed day to day.

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Service Director Vannello – No comment.

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Auditor Day – Stated that the 2026 Budget instructions and worksheets went out recently and the Budget Hearings will be February 18, February 23, and March 4.

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Law Director Tuma – Stated that the Law Department’s 2025 Annual Report is available in the Council Office for review.

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Treasurer Mastroianni – No comment.

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Councilman Divis – Thanked the Service Department for the great job they did keeping the streets clear despite the continuous snowfall. Received a message from a resident who said they had a mailbox that was damaged by a snow plow and that they were pleased that Service came out and fixed it the very next day.

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Councilman Euerle - Stated he held his Coffee with a Councilman program on January 12 and had over 40 people attend, with a great discussion and Q & A session. Asked how the best way to get the word out about warming centers is, as the older people who may need them may not be on social media. Safety Director Coury responded that often these residents will call 911 or the non emergency police number for assistance. Mayor DeGeeter also stated that council can help spread the word.

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Councilman Kussmaul – Congratulated Chief Riley and his staff on all their recent promotions.

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Councilwoman Lime – Stated that Service did an excellent job with the snow during the heavy downfall. Stated she is worried about the high utility bills that will be coming up after this cold period for the residents.

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Councilwoman Shuman – Thanked Service for doing a great job with plowing. Stated that she will be having a Ward Meeting on March 25 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 703 on York Rd.

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Councilman Soeder – No comment.

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Councilwoman Wilson – Thanks to Service Director Vannello and Public Works Coordinator Dave Blagg for helping her with some issues in her Ward that came up.

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Councilwoman Zacharias – No comment.

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Councilwoman Boyd – Thanked Service for their work during the heavy snow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Euerle seconded by Councilwoman Shuman to adjourn said meeting at 7:06 PM. Motion carried.

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**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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, January 20, 2026.

      /s/ Kristin L. Saban        
KRISTIN L. SABAN  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

      /s/ Vito Dipierro        
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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