



City of Parma Heights Council Meeting Minutes January 27, 2025

Council President Rounds called the Parma Heights City Council meeting for Monday, January 27, 2025, to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Rounds, Council members Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski and Council Clerk Allen.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Finance Director Iaconis, Service Director Sepik, Recreation Director Bacci.

Clerk Allen called the Roll Call: Kolezynski, Maruschak Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 13, 2025 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of January 13, 2025.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds
Minutes Approved

January 23, 2025 Parma Heights Special City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of January 23, 2025.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Rounds
Minutes Approved

August 15, 2022 Police, Fire and Safety Committee Minutes

February 26, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes

Council President Rounds asked to approve the Committee minutes with no objection. Seeing no objection.
Minutes Approved

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Appointment of the new council member for Ward 4

Council President Rounds asked for a roll call and asked for the name of the candidate that you would like to see fill the Ward 4 Council Seat.

Clerk Allen called the vote:	DeSouza	named	Steve Vanek
	Kolezynski	named	Steve Vanek
	Maruschak	named	Steve Vanek
	Durichko	named	Steve Vanek
	Palmisano	named	Steve Vanek
	Rounds	named	Steve Vanek

Council President Rounds stated that he would reach out to the candidates and let them know of our decision. We will plan on having Steve at the February 10th Council meeting when he will be sworn in.

Council President Rounds then stated without objection to make the appointment of Councilwoman DeSouza to fill the remaining term of the Planning Commission as our Council Representative. Hearing no objection. Councilwoman DeSouza is appointed to fill the term on the Planning Commission.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President Rounds continued with Reports from Mayor and Directors, we will begin with Recreation Director Bacci.....

Recreation Director Bacci: The Sports registrations are ongoing through late March, early April. We will have youth soccer, baseball, softball and t-ball, the swim team and then the adults/senior pickleball. We have Crafts with Parma Heights going on right now. Kaitlyn and Lisa have one scheduled for February 8th from 2 – 4 which is a Valentine’s Day Craft. We will be holding outdoor Yoga again this year, the second and fourth Saturdays in May through September. This is free for everyone. In addition to that, Jessica, our instructor, will offer a yoga class during the off season, once a month on Saturdays at Cassidy Theatre. So we will have indoor Yoga with her. The indoor sessions will be \$5.00 per class for 13 years and up. The Leprechaun Hunt is on March 22nd with two scheduled sittings for ages 3 – 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the second sitting from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Earth Day in the Commons will be on April 26th from 1 - 4 p.m. Thank you to NOPEC for sponsoring this event and providing us with a grant of \$2,000.00, animal encounters, food trucks and various environmental organizations.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Director Bacci?

Councilwoman Durichko thanked the director for having the Yoga indoor opportunity. Jessica is fantastic. I’m looking forward to taking advantage of that.

Councilwoman Palmisano added that she too is excited for the Yoga coming back.

Councilman Kolezynski added that he is also excited for Yoga.

Council President Rounds called upon Service Director Sepik for his report

Service Director Sepik: Thank you, City Council President and Council. Our City Engineer is finalizing the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Program and should have that completed shortly. Our salt delivery is coming today, which couldn’t have been better timing because we lost one of our dump trucks over the last snow storm.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions for Service Director Sepik? Seeing none, Director Iaconis

Finance Director Iaconis: Thank you, Council President. January is always a busy month for us. We are still closing out for the year, still making some minor adjustments. Our budget book is nearing completion, thanks again to Director Bacci for helping Vic and I put that together for council. I think it’s going to be helpful document.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions for Director Iaconis? Council President welcomed Director Schneider and continued to Mayor Gallo.....

Mayor Gallo: The Senior Center has served and/or delivered 1,330 meals in the past two weeks. They are going to local restaurants to practice trivia nights for the Senior Mind Challenge competition in May. The seniors love these competitions and it looks like we will be competing with the Parma Senior Center. The library construction

is making great progress, they seem to be on task to get that done by the end of the year. We will be meeting internally soon to discuss the Memorial Day Ceremony and parade in May. As I mentioned at the last meeting, I am in process of bringing on a new Safety Director and should have someone seated late winter, early spring. There is a lot of transition going on in the Police Department. We have the Police Chiefs Test scheduled next month. I will be tentatively swearing in the next Police Chief at the March 10th City Council meeting. I'm looking forward to working with councilmember appointee Vanek and I'm just so appreciative that council was able to come to this decision and make the appointment. That concludes my report for this evening.

Council President Rounds: Thank you, mayor. Any comments or questions for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: Please state your name and address clearly for the Council Clerk to hear. Public Session is not a discussion or a back and forth but it's an opportunity for you to be heard in this public forum. Notes are being taken by council and the administration. Please address all of your comments to me as your Council President. You will have 3 minutes to speak with Clerk Allen keeping the time. Is there anyone here this evening that would like to speak?

Tammy Sebastian, 6814 Revere Road: I have a comment and a question. During the time that we don't have a Safety Director, who fills that roll?

Mayor Gallo responded that according to the Charter, the roll defers to me. During my tenure in office there was a time period where Mayor Byrne was the acting Safety Director. I do not take compensation for that. I'm kind of holding down the fort but we do have two outstanding Chiefs that deal with resident concerns on a daily basis. They always step up and are willing to help. Once I have a Safety Director in place, the Director will be at the meetings. Their primary role is to oversee both departments per the ORC, Chiefs are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the department.

Ms. Sebastian added that it sounds like it has been divvied up between many people. As a community we don't know those things. Thank you so much. My comment is that I love Police and Fire just as much as I love Service, During the winter months, you can tell when you drive into Parma Heights. Being a homeowner, safety is important and I always have to give a shout out to the Service Department and how good they take care of our roads. Thank you.

Mayor Gallo responded thanking Ms. Sebastian for her comments and how much she appreciates that. If you can recall during the tornado last year during a press conference, I said that our Police and Fire Departments are first responders and our Service Department is as well. I value them. They are why and how our first responders get to where they need to be. They work in extreme conditions and emergencies. We are all a team and we all work together. Thank you again for getting that on record.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further comments this evening? Seeing none. We will continue on to our Legislative portion of the agenda.

LEGISLATION

Council President Rounds asked Clerk Allen to read item number one into the record.

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 92**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WITHIN THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is the third reading for this item. Council President Rounds motioned to move for passage, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

Ordinance Passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 93**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC SALE THROUGH GOVPLANET/IRONPLANET

Council President Rounds stated that this is the third reading for this item.

Councilwoman Durichko asked for a motion to move for passage, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski Maruschak, Rounds

Resolution Passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 2**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) VERMEER CHIPPER FROM VERMEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY DBA VERMEER CORPORATION THROUGH SOURCEWELL AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$70,518.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman DeSouza asked for a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Durichko, Rounds

Council President Rounds asked if there are any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to move for passage.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, Rounds

Resolution Passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 4**

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, WITH CONDITIONS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO PERMIT THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS DAILY RELEAF LLC DBA AYR CANNABIS DISPENSARY TO ALLOW A DUAL-USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND TO OPERATE A DRIVE-THRU FACILITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH A PERMITTED PRINCIPAL OR CONDITIONAL USE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 5**

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, WITH CONDITIONS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO PERMIT THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS AYR OHIO LLC TO ALLOW A DUAL-USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND TO OPERATE A DRIVE-THRU FACILITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH A PERMITTED PRINCIPAL OR CONDITIONAL USE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 7**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2025 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 8**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FROM THE 2024-2025 PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) THROUGH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) TO SUPPLEMENT THE COST OF BULLETPROOF VESTS WORN BY OFFICERS OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 9**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FREIGHTLINER 108SD PLUS THROUGH SOURCEWELL AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$273,337.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Palmisano asked for a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

Council President Rounds asked if there are any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned; Sectioned by Councilwoman DeSouza to move for passage.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

Resolution Passes

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President Rounds made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending or imminent court action; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Rounds

Council President adjourned into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Council President resumed the City Council Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Rounds asked for a motion to adjourn? Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Durichko, Rounds

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council