City of Parma Heights
City Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025

Council President Rounds called to order the Parma Heights City Council meeting: Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Rounds, Maruschak, Vanek, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko and Clerk Allen.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Service Director Sepik, Finance Director Satow, Recreation Director Sedlak and Safety Director Bova.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

Council President Rounds asked for a motion to excuse Councilwoman Palmisano. Moved by Councilwoman Maruschak; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Councilwoman Palmisano is excused.

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 27, 2025 Parma Heights City Council Minutes
Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of October 27, 2025.

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

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Councilwoman Maruschak asked to take a moment of personal privilege, I would like to make sure everyone knows that Councilman Vanek was awarded 2024 Knights of Columbus Police Officer of the Year for the City of Strongsville. His Lieutenant stated that he has high standards of professionalism, innovation and dedication to duty and he's a trailblazer in the city. I just wanted to make sure everyone was aware that he has won this award.

Councilman Vanek responded that he appreciates his colleague for bringing that up and I appreciate your sentiments in saying that. Thank you.

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

Safety Director Bova: The Safety Department, police and fire had normal operations during regular duty over the past few weeks, therefore, I have nothing to report at this time.

Council President Rounds: Are there any questions or comments for Director Bova? Seeing none. Recreation Director Sedlak…….

Recreation Director Sedlak: The Parma Heights Frights just wrapped up this past weekend, attendance count was over 3,500. I'd like to thank our Service, Police and Fire Departments for their help with the event. On November 8th, we held an intermediate Line Dancing Class with over 21 participants. Some upcoming events include, November 30th – Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 13th – Story Time with Santa (two seatings: 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.). We were painting the pool last week; we are focusing on cleaning up our parks. There is a survey for our Recreation Department available on our website and sent to residents that have signed up for programs and will also be in the mayor's upcoming Newsletter.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that she has been visiting the Nathan Hale property several times and have heard many comments about the cleanup around the lake and it looks really nice. Thank you.

Councilwoman Durichko added that there is a noted difference in the maintenance of the parks, they look amazing.

Council President Rounds: Service Director Sepik…..

Service Director Sepik: Curbside leaf collection began on November 3rd; maps of the locations are now up on the city's website and on Facebook. Republic Service picks up yard waste including Christmas Trees all year round, so you can always put them in the yard waste containers. There is no delay for the season and the city's operations on snow removal started up today. The Dog Park at the Reservoir Park, once we obtain the permit from the Cleveland Water Dept. construction will begin.

Councilwoman Durichko asked about the pattern of the leaf pick up; I directed them to the website. What is the rhyme or reason for the routes?

Service Director Sepik stated that it's laid it out so that the trucks can continue to move through the city without having to back up or stop constantly.

Council President Rounds added that I'd like to add the importance of not parking on the street during the fall months is so appreciated. Are there were any further questions or comments. Seeing none. Finance Director Satow….

Finance Director Satow: Normal operations we are still working on the 2026 budget and the revisions to the 2025 budget.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Satow? Seeing none. Director Schneider good to see you, Mayor Gallo….

Mayor Gallo: Trish James who is the administrator at the Senior Center along with her staff are here. She will introduce her staff; these are the people behind the scenes that keep our Senior Center up and running. This year we have served and or delivered 26,807 meals and the are well on the way to using all the meals that we have contracted for the year. This year, thus far we have 183 participants and they distributed 119,577 lbs. of fresh produce, dairy, meat and shelf staples.

Trish introduced Mike Scheutzow, he is my assistant. He and I are the only full-time employees, everyone else is part time. Mike does all the transportation and all the meals. This is Cindy Rosko she does all kinds of intakes, phones, she's more like a social worker than a secretary. Debby Zito does all the data entry and that is how we receive the funding.

Council President added that during the Mayor's Caucus so that the others that are with you tonight, we're very thankful for all you do for us and the city. The mayor provides us with monthly updates; each month we are so very proud of the Senior Center that's in our city. Thank you very much for all you do.

We were able to obtain the 2026 Block Grant in the amount of $150,000. The Nature Works grant for the playground at the Commons was granted. We received the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant in the amount of $50,000. Before the end of the year, the $150,000 Community Development Block grant reimbursement for Ackley has been submitted. There is a tentative Finance Committee meeting next Monday, November 17th and a Special Council meeting will be held after. We hope to have the union contracts on the agenda. Tentative ribbon cutting and grand opening for the new library is Saturday, February 21st, 2026. I believe the Clerk is in receipt of a letter if we can add this to the record, please.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Mayor Gallo? Seeing none.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Allen stated that an e-mail was received on November 10 from the Advocacy Representative on behalf of the Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors regarding their position on the short-term rentals.

Council President Rounds stated that we have no further communications at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: Please state your name and address clearly for the Council Clerk to hear. Public comment is not a discussion nor a back and forth but it's an opportunity for you to be heard in this public forum. Notes are being taken by council members and the administration. You will address 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?

Gary Holodnak, 6030 Pearl Road. I'm not sure if I'm the longest living resident of the city, I've been here 51 years now. I've been very successful but my wife and I keep a low profile. I do a lot of traveling out of the country, but I always return back here, I have been everywhere, China, Poland, Brazil, Mexico. I love this city. My house is a monstrosity of a home with a pool in it. This is the safest city I've ever seen. I love the organization; you don't always make me happy but we worked together to come up with plan that makes sense. This city really works with you. It doesn't work like that in other locations. I have the ability to look at things and be able to tell if things will work or not, this stadium in Cleveland that is getting ready to move to Brook Park. This is truly financial. Reality is that it's there. I had a discussion with 5 Points and they haven't even talked about the roads. I spent 31 years with Ford Motor Company. $730 million to fix that road now for the stadium. The dog pound is $15K per year for standing room only. Once this happens, what's next. I'm very good at pulling in data from all over the United States, short term rentals. They generate nothing for the city; you get no income from someone living there. You can't tax someone that lives there. They are only there for x amount of time. They have no sense of community. This is a community. Rental people move in and have no sense of the city.

Mayor Gallo asked for a personal point of privilege to extend Mr. Holodnak's time for a few more minutes?

Mr. Holodnak – I'm just saying I wish this place for my forever home is. I love the city. If you look at the data, the police involvement, the city enforcement because they aren't taken care of, and yet they contribute nothing to the city. Every time there's a concert or event the city expense is going to go through the roof because you need to protect your city at minimum a few hours before and a few hours after every event. There are no positives for the city and short-term rentals. There are cities that have successfully banded short term rentals and it's held up in court.

Council President thanked Mr. Holodnak and continuing on to Legislation....

LEGISLATION

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 83**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD L. BOWEN + ASSOCIATES, INC. TO SERVE AS CITY ENGINEER, AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED THEREUNDER

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's third reading.

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; Seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to move for passage.
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek. DeSouza, Rounds

Ordinance Passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 84**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 179.01 ENTITLED "EMPLOYEE BENEFITS" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's third reading but we are going to amend this item on the floor.

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; Seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to hold this item over until the November 24th, City Council meeting date.
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Rounds

Held over until November 24th, 2025 meeting.

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 60**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 1195.031 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's second reading.

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 61**
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 769 ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's second reading.

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 62**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1171.01 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's second reading.

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 86**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON TO PROVIDE FOR PRISONER HOUSING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is this resolution's second reading.

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 87**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND ENTITLED "COMPENSATED ABSENCES FUND", FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's second reading.

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 88**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND ENTITLED "PAYROLL STABILIZATION FUND", FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's second reading.

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 89**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Vanek motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, Vanek, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Rounds

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

Councilman Vanek motioned for passage, seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Vanek, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Rounds

Resolution Passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 90**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES LLC ("USI"), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Durichko
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek, Rounds

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

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned for passage, seconded by Councilwoman Durichko
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek, DeSouza, Rounds

Ordinance Passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 91**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO SECURE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds motioned; Seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to amend to accept the additional vision coverage.

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

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Vanek
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Maruschak, Vanek, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Rounds

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

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned for passage, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Vanek, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Rounds

Resolution Passes as Amended

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE 2025 – 92**
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's first reading.

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: DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek, Rounds

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council

Tom Rounds
President of Council