



**City of Parma Heights  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2026**

Council President Rounds called to order the Parma Heights City Council meeting: Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Service Director Sepik, Finance Director Satow, Recreation Director Sedlak

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

*Pledge of Allegiance was spoken*

**APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

Council President Rounds stated that we will begin with the Election of Council President. This is an opportunity for Council Members to choose who they would like to sit and lead the meeting. Council President serves a two-year term. When the clerk calls your name, please say the name of the next person you would like to see serve as our Council President.

Council Clerk called the Roll Call: Vanek: Tom Rounds, Palmisano: Tom Rounds; DeSouza: Tom Rounds; Kolezynski: Tom Rounds; Durichko: Tom Rounds, Maruschak: Tom Rounds; and Rounds: Tom Rounds.

*Tom Rounds will serve as Council President*

Council President Rounds thanked everyone and looks forward to the next two years serving as your Council President. Next is our election of Council President Pro-Tem. When the clerk calls your name, please say the name of the next person you would like to see serve as our Council President Pro-Tem.

Council Clerk called the Roll Call: Palmisano: Lisa Maruschak; DeSouza: Maruschak; Kolezynski: Kolezynski; Durichko: Chris Kolezynki; Maruschak: Lisa Maruschak; Vanek: Lisa Maruschak; Rounds: Lisa Maruschak.

*Lisa Maruschak will serve as Council President Pro-Tem*

Council President Rounds continued with the election of Council Clerk. When the clerk calls your name, please say the name of the person you would like to see serve as our Council Clerk.

Council Clerk called the Roll Call: DeSouza: Barbara Allen; Kolezynski: Barbara Allen; Durichko: Barbara Allen; Maruschak: Barbara Allen; Vanek: Barbara Allen; Palmisano: Barbara Allen; Rounds: Barbara Allen.

*Barbara Allen will serve as Council Clerk*

Council President added that occasionally we need an Assistant Clerk at our disposal, we will continue with the elections of the Assistant Clerk.

Council Clerk called the Roll Call: Kolezynski: Nora Neel; Durichko: Nora Neal; Maruschak: Nora Neel; Vanek: Nora Neel; Palmisano: Nora Neel; DeSouza: Nora Neel; Rounds: Nora Neel.

*Nora Neel will serve as Assistant Council Clerk*

Council President Rounds continued with the appointment of Council Committee Assignments for the 2026 – 2028 term. Although there are no changes, I would like to state this for the record:

**Finance Committee**

Lesley DeSouza - Chair  
Lisa Maruschak - Vice-Chair  
Tom Rounds

**Utilities and Streets Committee**

Sue Durichko - Chair  
Chris Kolezynski - Vice Chair  
Lesley DeSouza

**Safety Committee**

Lisa Maruschak - Chair  
Stephanie Palmisano - Vice-Chair  
Steve Vanek

**Ad Hoc Committee**

Stephanie Palmisano - Chair  
Lisa Maruschak - Vice-Chair  
Sue Durichko

**Recreation Committee**

Chris Kolezynski - Chair  
Stephanie Palmisano - Vice-Chair  
Steve Vanek

Planning Commission (Council Representative)  
Lesley DeSouza  
Recreation Commission (Council Representative)  
Stephanie Palmisano  
Fair Housing Board (Council Representative)  
Chris Kolezynski

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

December 8, 2025 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of December 8, 2025.

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

December 22, 2025 Parma Heights Special City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of December 22, 2025.

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

December 29, 2025 Parma Heights Special City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of December 29, 2025.

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

## REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Recreation Director Sedlak: Relative to the Greenbriar Commons playground, we have met with our contractor (Snider) to replace the playground set that is currently standing. Looks like we will be able to begin construction the last week of April. Service Department will do the demolition; Snider will start immediately after targeting a completion date of Memorial Day. The colors have been changed to the purple and green that we use here in the city. We've been able to add in three areas of poured-in rubber that will allow for individuals with mobility concerns to access the playground. Our pool is getting ready to undertake two projects; replacing the lap and dive pool pumps and refinishing the slides.

Council President Rounds asked if there are any questions or comments for Director Sedlak? I've had two residents reach out about Kirts Park and it would be great to be able to re-use some of that playground equipment somewhere else within the city.

Councilwoman Maruschak stated that she was very happy to hear about the timeline, really fantastic.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further comments? Seeing none. Service Director Sepik....

Service Director Sepik: Holiday Light collection is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Service Garage from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Christmas trees will be picked up from Republic Services, yard waste collection. Trees are to be no larger than 4 feet, if they are larger than that they need to be cut in half. Keeping up with the roads as best as we can. Plenty of salt on hand for the recent storms that have come through and trucks are in pretty good shape.

Council President Rounds: Are there any questions or comments for Director Sepik? I'd like to add that I appreciated the e-mail that we all received from the resident about the hornets' nest. First one, of course was alarming but the follow up was very kind and speaks to our Service Department in how responsive they are with residents' concerns and issues. Finance Director Satow...

Finance Director Satow: Finance is working on closing 2025, we will be able to provide finance reports to council as soon as possible.

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

Mayor Gallo: The Ribbon Cutting at the Library will be held, Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting will be held at 2:00 p.m. If there is any change, I will let council know as soon as possible. I have some Board and Commission appointment and re-appointments I'd like to request approval from City Council.

### Planning Commission

Bill Litten, term ending 12/31/31

Jim McCall, term ending 12/31/31

Council President Rounds asked council members if there are any questions or objections? Seeing none. Mayor, you have our advice and consent for the Planning Commission re-appointments.

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Dan Paxson, term ending 12/31/27

Lindsey Dumbauld, term ending 12/31/26

Matthew DeSouza, term ending 12/31/27

Council President Rounds asked council members if there are any questions or objections? Seeing none. Mayor, you have the majority of council members for their concurrence for the appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Civil Service Commission

Carman Sebastian, term ending 12/31/31

Council President Rounds asked council members if there are any questions or objections regarding this appointment? Seeing none. Mayor, you have the concurrence of council members for the majority for the appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

Recreation Commission

Allison McCall, term ending 12/31/28

Richard Mazzola, term ending 12/31/29

Stephanie Palmisano, term ending 12/31/27

Council President Rounds asked council members if there are any questions or objections? Seeing none. Mayor, you have our advice and consent of council for the Recreation Commission.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds asked for a Planning Commissions update from Councilwoman DeSouza.

Councilwoman DeSouza stated that at the Planning Commission met on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Jim McCall was re-elected as the Chair of the Commission. Public hearing was held regarding the proposed changes in 1193.01 (i) for Yard Structures and Landscape Features in ordinance 2025 – 96. The proposed change from the Council Committee has to do with not allowing invisible fences in the front yards. No public was in attendance at the public hearing; The Commission approved the proposed language as is and sent the ordinance back to City Council.

Director Schneider added that the Planning Commission's Recommendation is located in your packet under the conditional use ordinance for a first reading this evening and you are now in receipt for purposes of our ordinances, council has 60 days to accept, reject or send back to the Planning Commission.

Council President Rounds introduced an application from AKSHARDHAM 2025 LLC; CUISINE OF INDIA; 6857 W 130TH STREET; PARMA HEIGHTS, OH 44130; Chief Greene after his review is offering no objection to this liquor license application. I will make a motion that we approve the application; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek, Rounds  
*Motion carried*

Council President Rounds introduced an application from CAFÉ BLANC LLC; 6500 PEARL ROAD, UNIT 103; PARMA HGTS, OH 44130; Chief Greene after his review is offering no objection to this liquor license application. I will make a motion that we approve the application; seconded by Councilwoman Palmisano.  
Clerk Allen called Roll Call: DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek, Palmisano, Rounds  
*Motion carried*

Council President Rounds introduced an application from THE CLUB HOUSE, PARMA HEIGHTS, LLC; THE CLUB HOUSE; 6365 PEARL ROAD, PARMA HEIGHTS, OH 44130; Chief Greene after his review is offering no objection to this liquor license application. I will make a motion that we approve this liquor permit request; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Kolezynski, Durichko, Maruschak, Vanek, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds  
*Motion carried*

### **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 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? Seeing none.

### **LEGISLATION**

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 96**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1193.01 ENTITLED "YARD STRUCTURES AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 104**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PARMA FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES AND TO EXPEND FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 1**  
**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 6671 PEARL ROAD, LLC TO ALLOW A DRIVE THROUGH FACILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 2**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE YEARS 2026-2030, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

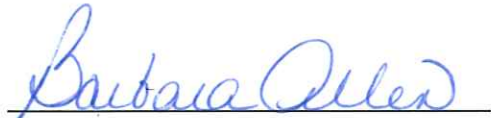
Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's first reading.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.**



Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds  
President of Council