



**City of Parma Heights
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Council President Rounds called to order the Parma Heights City Council meeting: Monday, January 26, 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, Assistant Law Director O'Malley, Service Director Sepik, Finance Director Satow, Safety Director Bova

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

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

COUNCIL MINUTES

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Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of January 12, 2026.

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 Mayor Gallo...

Mayor Gallo began with a swearing in of a new firefighter to the Parma Heights Fire Department.

Chief Bernard introduced Firefighter Joshua Medina. Josh has been drawn to an active lifestyle in working as part of a team, growing up involved sports he learned early on the importance of team work, trust and relying on those around you to achieve a common goal. He experienced ride time with our members while in Paramedic School. We are proud to welcome you to our department and our fire family, looking forward to watching your career grow and to the contributions you'll make to our organization and the City of Parma Heights.

Officer Campbell came to the front of the room and was sworn in by Mayor Gallo. He then introduced his family and took photos to commemorate the day. His father pinned his badge on.

Council President Rounds congratulated and welcomed Joshua Medina and continued through the agenda with Director Bova...

Safety Director Bova: I'd like to welcome Joshua in joining the Parma Heights Fire Department. I'd also like to thank our safety forces for the last several weeks, this weather is brutal. Since January 1st we've had 14 automobile accidents in the city.

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

Service Director Sepik: During this past storm we've had staff working around the clock in two shifts starting this past Saturday at 3:30 in the morning. They are still salting and working on the roads. Looks like we have enough salt to last through the season, trucks are in good shape. Rubbish collection will still be picked up on Wednesday, if they don't pick it up, they will be back on Thursday. Please let residents know to leave it out due to the weather. Please no bulk items right now. The city was awarded the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, \$33,500 in grants to maintain the county roads: Ridgewood, Snow Road, Stumph Road, West 130th and York Road.

Council President Rounds: Are there any questions or comments for Director Sepik?

Councilwoman Palmisano stated that she thanks the Director for his foresight last year and two years ago for building the salt storage shed and making sure we had enough salt. Thank you.

Councilwoman Maruschak added that I also appreciate you being prepared and having that extra salt shed, I've received no phone calls. Just a tremendous job done.

Service Director Sepik added that the other cities that are short on salt, it's no fault of their own. Our guys have been out working around the clock.

Councilwoman Durichko added that you're amazing foresight and planning, wisdom and good discretion with your budgetary dollars has landed us in a perfect position during an unprecedented storm and a salt shortage. I also want to draw attention to your service crew, salt, snow removal, plow drivers who are out there all day/all night, constantly moving. My street alone had at least 3 passes within the past 24 hours. They are working diligently. Thank you.

Council President Rounds: Thank you. Finance Director Satow...

Finance Director Satow: Nothing new to report, Finance is working on closing 2025.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for Director Satow? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Palmisano asked if there is an ETA?

Director Satow added that he doesn't have a specific date, but I would like to have it closed out next week.

Council President Rounds: Director O'Malley, good to see you. Law Director Schneider nice to see you this evening, Mayor Gallo....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you for all your kind words and e-mails and compliments about our Service Department. We don't have a lot of employees but they work really hard and when retirements come up, we keep the positions filled. Being in a plow as long as they are can be trying, so we appreciate them, they've done a great job during the storm. McCaulley and Company has started with us as our Grant Coordinator, everything is going well. The FOP contract is before you on the agenda. We are still in negotiations with the firefighters, IAFF. We are meeting again with them at the end of next week. This is the only bargaining unit that doesn't have a contract in place yet. The ribbon cutting at the library will be held, Saturday, April 11th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting will be held at 2:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds: We have none 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 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council President Rounds made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, and/or review negotiations and/or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and/or other terms and conditions of their employment; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Council President Rounds stated that we are adjourned into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. We are now back from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

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 third reading, but I would like to make a motion to postpone using Council Rule #31, to a date certain, March 9, 2026. Seconded by DeSouza. Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

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

Ordinance carried over until the March 9, 2026 meeting.

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 third reading.

Councilman Vanek motioned to move for passage; seconded by DeSouza

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

Ordinance passes

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, AS AMENDED

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

Councilman Kolezynski motioned to accept the amendment; seconded by DeSouza

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

Councilman Kolezynski motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by DeSouza

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

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

Councilman Kolezynski motioned for passage; seconded by DeSouza

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

Resolution passes as amended.

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 second reading.

Councilwoman Durichko motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by Maruschak

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

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

Councilwoman Durichko motioned for passage; seconded by Maruschak

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

Ordinance Passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 3**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. [PATROL OFFICERS], AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by Maruschak

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

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

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned for passage; seconded by Maruschak

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

Ordinance Passes

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council