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Council President Rounds called to order the City Council meeting of Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Rounds, Maruschak, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Durichko

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, Assistant Law Director O'Malley, Finance Director Satow, Service Director Sepik, Recreation Director Sedlak, Safety Director Bova and Clerk Allen.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

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

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

Councilman Vanek is excused

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 23, 2026 Parma Heights City Council Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Minutes of February 23, 2026.

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

Minutes Approved

February 28, 2026 Parma Heights City Council Work Session Minutes

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Maruschak to approve the City Council Work Session Minutes of February 28, 2026.

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

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Safety Director Bova: The Fire Department has been working at Nathan Hale. They were there today, tomorrow and Wednesday for fire training.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any further comments? Seeing none. Recreation Director Sedlak...

Recreation Director Sedlak: On Saturday we held our Leprechaun Hunt. We had 136 kids registered with about 180 people there. Want to thank Leneghan Academy of Irish Dance, and Tony McGowan, an 8th grader that played the bagpipes leading everyone out to the hunt. We have begun the demolition of the playground at the Commons. Soccer and Flag Football practice starts next week. Games will begin April 11th. We already have 7 signed up for

Bocce Ball this year. Yoga is at the Cassidy on March 21st. Our Pool Manager, Jacob, is conducting Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Classes and March 28th is the City Councils Easter Egg Hunt.

Council President Rounds added that we currently have about 160 registered for our Easter Egg Hunt. Are there any further comments for Recreation Director Sedlak? Councilwoman DeSouza...

Councilwoman DeSouza asked how long will the playground be out of commission?

Director Sedlak responded that we anticipate about 5 weeks. Service has begun disassembling it now, our contractor has been made aware that if he has an opening that we are ready to begin.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked about some trees of our neighboring park area that look like not in great condition, will anything be done with those?

Director Sedlak asked if they are in Greenbrier? We have had to take a few down for access.

Director Sepik added there are two others on the side that got damaged from the storm, we will be taking those out.

Council President Rounds called upon Service Director Sepik...

Service Director Sepik: The Mandalay Drive resurfacing and the Library Demo project will both be receiving sealed bids electronically from Bid Express. On March 23rd at 11:30 a.m. we will begin to review them.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Director Sepik? Seeing none, Finance Director Satow...

Finance Director Satow: I have nothing to report at this time.

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

Mayor Gallo: Regarding the Senior Center we served and/or delivered 1,328 meals over the past two weeks. They went to the first of four fish fries this past Friday. They went to Valley Forge on Sunday to hear the Parma Symphony. They will be hosting the bi-annual Volley Ball Tournament against Parma this Thursday and they hope to keep the trophy again. The Senior Prom will be held at Normandy High School in April. Our Capital Budget request to our US Congressman for 2027 appropriation for community funding project is a 2-million-dollar request for Meadowbrook and Lawndale, we'll let you know what happens. The Fire Fighters contract, I was hoping to have it done, we are still working through some language. The ribbon cutting for the library is still scheduled April 11th, 2:00 p.m. and our dog park will be opening this spring. Earth Day is coming up April 25th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and the Memorial Day festivities are also in the works.

Council President Rounds: Thank you, mayor. Are there any questions or comments this evening for Mayor Gallo? Seeing None.

Council President Rounds asked Director Sepik can you run us through the schedule for the streets, the engineers review now that winter has come to an end, asphalt delivery?

Director Sepik stated that we are waiting for the asphalt company planning on opening, usually between April 1 – April 15th. We will first do the mains, and semi-mains, side streets and neighborhoods. We do drive all the streets and assess if they can fill where needed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Rounds stated that we have no 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 and the administration. You will address your comments to me as 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?

Dale Baker, 9021 Snow Road. On the corner of Snow and Eldon Road. The street gets a lot of use, a lot of cut through traffic because it's the last street before reaching Snow and Pearl. The street is really getting torn up by all the usage. It's a great neighborhood, people are invested in it, they take care of their property and homes. My wife and I walk the neighborhood a few times a day, but other streets have been paved/repared. I asked last year about when our street will be paved. Why is this street not being done because it's just as bad as the ones they did do. I did hear that it wasn't going to be paved last year. The Water Department has now come down the street, made two large wholes in the street. I sent a note to Mr. Sepik that the street is getting worse, when will this be repaired? I got a note back that they will not be making repairs until mid-April because that's when the asphalt plant opens. I would like to know where we are on your rating sheet. You're our neighbors, we rely on you. I call and don't get a return call from Mr. Sepik, I call the mayor's office and I get a response. Good neighbors don't do that to each other. Last year I called about trash, neighbors picked up the trash. Good neighbors don't throw trash in my yard. We want the city to be good neighbors, starting with the City's Service Director.

Mayor Gallo responded that the administration and I developed a street rating system is for this situation exactly. Streets and infrastructure not only in Parma Heights but throughout Cuyahoga County is a problem. There are more streets that we have paved in the past 4 years than probably in the past 20 years. We are working around the city. Each year maybe every other year our city engineer reassesses the streets. We go by the engineers' recommendations but we will mention Eldon as an area we would like him to look at. The other issue, water, is Cleveland Public Water, Director, can you explain that for me.

Director Sepik added that whenever there is a water main break, Cleveland Water will come and repair the break, fill the hole back in with dirt and then we dig the hole back out, put concrete in first, then the asphalt back on top. We are currently waiting for the asphalt. There are two water boxes one on either end, one by Pearl and one by Snow Road. They are both full of water right now.

Mr. Baker expressed his concern for putting cones up and waiting for the asphalt.

Mayor Gallo suggested that we can take another look at it, maybe something more visible for traffic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Rounds made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matter to consider the employment and/or dismissal of a public employee, seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

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

Council President Rounds stated that we are adjourned into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. We are now back from Executive Session at 7:29 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.

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

Councilwoman Durichko motioned to move this forward for passage; seconded by DeSouza

Clerk Allen called the Roll Call: Aye: Kolezynski, Durichko

Nay: Maruschak, Palmisano, DeSouza, Rounds

Ordinance Failed

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 14**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION PAID TO VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-98, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 16**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by DeSouza

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

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

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned to move this forward for passage; seconded by DeSouza

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

Ordinance passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 17**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by DeSouza

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

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

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned to move this forward for passage; seconded by DeSouza

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

Ordinance passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 18**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE RIDGEWOOD DRIVE BRIDGE 00.15 OVER COUNTRYMAN'S CREEK

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 19**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 145.07 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 373 OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 21**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) 2026 DODGE DURANGO PURSUITS FROM SARCHIONE CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM AT A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$184,722.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 22**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTON HURD LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilman Kolezynski motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by DeSouza

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

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

Councilman Kolezynski motioned to move this forward for passage; seconded by DeSouza

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

Resolution passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 23**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT WITH SPORTMASTER SPORT SURFACES AND ITS AUTHORIZED INSTALLER, INDUSTRIAL SURFACE SEALER, INC. THROUGH EQUALIS GROUP FOR THE RENOVATION OF TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE RENOVATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Rounds stated that this is this resolution'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: Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Rounds

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council