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Council President Rounds called to order the City Council meeting of Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:01 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Law Schneider, 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, Vanek, Rounds

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

COUNCIL MINUTES

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Councilwoman Maruschak motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the City Council Minutes.

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

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

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

Assistant Chief Clark introduced Fire Fighter Neel. We've seen a lot of guys come through the Paramedic Program. Unfortunately, we are a pretty busy city. The ambulance runs a lot. It's really good to see how they react in the field during an emergency. Fire Fighter Austin Neel was a paramedic that did a lot of ride time with us. We liked Austin right from the start; he fit in really well with all of us. The Chief, I and Austin were on a call that we went from an unconscious patient to a combative patient and Austin handled it like he's been doing it for years. I asked Austin what made him look into becoming a Fire Fighter, he responded that he was looking for something to give him true sense of purpose and a career built on brotherhood. We are proud to have him. We're excited for him to be here; he's a great addition to the Parma Heights Fire Department.

Mayor Gallo began with a swearing in of Fire Fighter Neel to the Parma Heights Fire Department. Fire Fighter Neel 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.

Council President Rounds continued through the agenda with Director Bova...

Safety Director Bova: Congratulations to our new Firefighter. The Police and Fire participated in the grand opening at the library this past Saturday. I heard it was a tremendous success.

Council President Rounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Director Bova? Seeing none. Recreation Director Sedlak...

Recreation Director Sedlak: Earth Day is planned for Saturday, April 25th, just as a reminder it is down at the Cassidy parking lot because of the construction going on with the playground. We are holding a Mother's Day luncheon on Saturday, May 9th from 1 – 3:00 p.m. at Cassidy. Other planning for the Memorial Day ceremony and parade and the pool opening on June 13th under way. The playground is well ahead of schedule; mulch should be

going down soon and should put us at re-opening the first week of May. Soccer games started this past weekend. Flag Football (4/5 yr olds) has started. T-ball; we have 105 boys registered for that and 116 boys registered for baseball.

Council President Rounds asked if how the staffing is looking for the pool this year?

Director Sedlak stated that we are very good with staff. Our pool manager stated that he is at capacity for what he needs for his target numbers. We will continue to interview as backup staff as needed.

Council President Rounds asked if there are any further comments for Recreation Director Sedlak?

Councilwoman Maruschak stated that she didn't see Earth Day mentioned on the main calendar. Would that be something that would be added in the near future? Or other events would they get listed?

Director Sedlak stated that he would make sure that gets listed.

Council President Rounds called upon Service Director Sepik...

Service Director Sepik: To answer Councilwoman Maruschak's question from today's Mayor's Caucus, we have \$193,000 in the cost share fund. With a collection of about 90% of 2026, we're expecting another \$148,000 on top of that. Shred event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 9 – 12:00 p.m. at the Service Garage. Bid opening for residential rubbish collection is this Wednesday, April 15th. At this time, I would like to make two separate motions. On March 26th the city received 7 competitive bids for the Mandalay Drive resurfacing project. After all bids were deemed responsive and responsible, based on the evaluation of the administration and the city engineer recommend awarding the contract to Specialized Construction Inc. in the amount of \$618,221.40 as the lowest and best bidder.

Council President Rounds made a motion that we accept the recommendation of the Service Director and the City Engineer to accept the lowest and best bid from Specialized Construction Incorporated. Seconded by Maruschak. Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

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

Council President Rounds made a motion that we release the bid bonds that were unsuccessful for this project. Seconded by DeSouza

Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

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

Service Director Sepik asked for the second motion for the demolition of the library. March 23rd we accepted bids. We received 9 competitive bids for the library demolition project. After review Metro Demolition LLC was deemed nonresponsive due to failure to submit the required bid documents including a bid bond and other qualifications. Based on the evaluation of all responsive and responsible bids, the administration and the city engineer recommend awarding the contract to Ray Bertolini Trucking Company in the amount of \$199,671.50 as the lowest and best bidder.

Council President Rounds made a motion that we accept the recommendation of the Service Director and the City Engineer to accept the lowest and best bid from Ray Bertolini Trucking Company and instruct the mayor to entire into contact with them and to release the other bids bonds that were unsuccessful. Seconded by DeSouza.

Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

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

Motioned Carried

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

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

Council President Rounds: Director Schneider nice to see you this evening, Mayor Gallo....

Mayor Gallo: We held the Senior Prom Friday evening at Normandy High School; a lot of our seniors took part in that event. I want to thank all of the City Council for joining me for the library's ribbon cutting and grand opening that was held Saturday. The NCAA Women's Bowling Tournament was held at Yorktown Lanes later that evening. Yorktown Lanes was able to host the event right here in Parma Heights. That bowling alley has been here since 1959 and received some really great coverage from ESPN that night as well. We are still working on the Fire Fighters Contract. It has come to my attention that there is a time capsule that is at the old library location. The demolition contractor is aware and we will relocate that, it's not to be opened until 2076. That concludes my report. Thank you.

Council President Rounds: Any questions or comments for the mayor this evening?

Councilwoman Maruschak asked about the large rock that is over by the old library as well. What is going to be done with the pieces that have been there since the library was founded?

Mayor Gallo added that people are attached to all kinds of symbols over there. We're working on plans to maintain the same look or relocate them somewhere else.

Council President Rounds added that I wanted to mention that we were named the 8th safest city in the state of Ohio. It's a nice tribute to not only our residents, but our safety services and the jobs that they do. It's nice to be recognized for this in such a positive way.

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?

Chase Conklin, 6877 Beresford Avenue. On March 31st at approximately 8:51 p.m. Parma Heights Engine 6 was dispatched to a reported electrical fire at a residence. That resident was my home. When the Fire Department arrived, they could already smell smoke from the sidewalk even though the fire was contained within a wall. Thanks to their professionalism, attentiveness and action, they were able to locate and extinguish the fire with minimal damage to our home. We were later told that if their response had been delayed, even by a few minutes, the situation could have escalated to a full structure fire. My wife and I are incredibly grateful for the Parma Heights Fire Department and the dedicated individuals that responded that evening. Their skill, urgency and commitment to public safety made all the difference to our family. We would like to thank the Fire Department and the great Safety Services we have here. Thank you.

Council President Rounds asked if there is anyone else here that would like to speak? Seeing none.

LEGISLATION

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 third reading. Are there any questions or comments?
Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance passes

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 third reading. Are there any questions or comments?
Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance passes

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 third reading. Are there any questions or comments?
Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance 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, AS AMENDED

Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance’s third reading. Are there any questions or comments?
Seeing none.

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned to accept this amendment as written; seconded by Maruschak

Council President Rounds: Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

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

Councilwoman Palmisano motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by Maruschak

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

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

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

Resolution Passes as amended.

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH)

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

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 30**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) AND THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilman Vanek motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by DeSouza

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

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

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

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

Resolution passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 31**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROAD SALT CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR 2026, 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 Maruschak

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

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

Resolution passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 32**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP, LLC FOR PERSONAL SERVICES NEEDED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OHIO AMBULANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

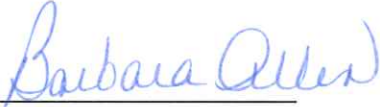
Council President Rounds stated that this is this ordinance's first reading.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council