

Safety Committee Minutes February 23, 2026

PRESENT: Committee Chairwoman Lisa Maruschak, Vice Chair Councilwoman Palmisano and member Steve Vanek, Clerk of Council Allen, Mayor Gallo, Law Director Schneider, Director Bova.

IN THE AUDIENCE: Council President Rounds and Councilwomen DeSouza.

The meeting was called to order on Monday, February 23, 2026 by Chairwoman Maruschak at 6:02 p.m.

Clerk Allen called the Roll call: **Vanek, Palmisano, Maruschak**

Chairwoman Maruschak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2026; so moved by Palmisano; seconded by Vanek

Clerk Allen, Roll Call: **Aye: Palmisano, Vanek, Maruschak**

Minutes approved

Chairwoman Maruschak stated the we have old business to attend to including:

Chapter 373: Bicycles and Motorcycles

Revised draft from the last meeting was circulated to the members

- 1) Chapter 373 (adding bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters and personal assistive mobility devices throughout our chapter)
- 2) 373.01 added (a), (b), (c) and (e), points 1 – 3 and section (f)
- 3) 377.015 added definitions
- 4) 377.02 (b) suggested change to (shall ride upon the regular permanent seat or upon a footboard, should the design of the device not contain a regular seat)
- 5) 377.08 (g) suggested change to read (... communications device or writing, sending or reading text-based)
- 6) 373.10 Remove (a)

We are going to stop there and further questions and discussion will continue at the February 28, 2026 Council Work Session.

Chairwoman Maruschak introduced new business for discussion.

Virtual Currency ATM's brought forward by Councilman Vanek

- 1) Krypto Currency Kiosks – City of Parma Heights has 8.
- 2) Scams targeting the elderly
- 3) Multiple cities have moved to ban them
- 4) State has introduced HB 648
- 5) One of the only ways to combat this right now is legislation.


Councilwoman Palmisano asked what is the main difference between a Krypto Currency ATM and another digital platform that I can use on my phone?

Councilman Vanek responded that you can do anything Krypto on your phone, computer. If you get contacted and asked to empty out your bank account because it's unsafe, you can go to a Kiosk right now type the number in, put \$60,000 into the machine and it's gone. There is no safeguard on it. No regulations whatsoever.

Chairwoman Maruschak stated that we will revisit this at our next meeting. Thank you, Councilman Vanek, for doing all this research for us. We'll look this over and then plan to move ahead with this. Looking for a motion to adjourn; so moved by Vanek; seconded by Palmisano

Council Clerk: Roll Call: **Aye: Vanek, Palmisano, Maruschak**

Safety Committee meeting is adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Lisa Maruschak
Chair, Safety Committee