

Council Work Session Minutes April 27, 2026

The City Council Work Session meeting of Monday, April 27, 2026 was called to order by Council President Rounds at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Allen: Roll Call: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Vanek and Rounds.

PRESENT: Council President Rounds, Councilmen Vanek, Kolezynski, Councilwomen Maruschak, Palmisano, DeSouza, Durichko and Clerk of Council Allen.

Council President Rounds continued into the legislation discussion, Virtual Currency ATM brought forward by the Safety Committee. Councilwoman Maruschak would you take lead on the discussion please.

Councilwoman Maruschak; Draft legislation is before you this evening. It is all due to Councilman Vanek. What he has learned in another city and bringing it forward here in Parma Heights. I'd like to ask him to explain where we are at with the legislation.

Councilman Vanek provided some background on how this began.

XXX.XX: Virtual Currency ATM's.

- 1) Legislation comes from Norwood, Ohio
- 2) These machines will allow you to put money into the machine and change it over to Bitcoin to be sent digitally to someone's wallet. There is no way to recover the funds until it goes out to an exchange and law enforcement would be able to interject.
- 3) There are 8 of these ATM's here in Parma Heights.
- 4) They provide a Bitcoin wallet address.
- 5) There is no way I can stop the transaction once it's begun.
- 6) Getting rid of the Kiosks doesn't prohibit anyone from using Krypto Currency because there are machines in the surrounding areas.
- 7) It's easier to scare someone into going to a machine and depositing funds than having them set up an account.
- 8) AARP has provided a great article in my findings. 96% of the kiosks in Washington, DC were used for fraudulent purposes.
- 9) With nothing on the books Federally or by the State, there's nothing to stop it.

Councilwoman Maruschak believes an outright ban is the way to go with this. There is legislation being proposed at the State level, it's in committee. We don't know when that will come to fruition.

Councilwoman Palmisano mentioned that the legislation that they are looking at the Federal level went into committee in February 2025, it seems to be stuck in committee. While other states and at the local level wait for the Federal Government to work, Indiana enacted a statewide ban in March of 2026; Tennessee as long as the Governor signs the bill will take effect as a statewide ban July 1st. I would say we are on the leading edge of this to get out a head of it. I would also heavily suggest we make an outright ban until Ohio, or the Federal government passes regulation.

Councilwoman Durichko asked if we need anything in the legislation since there are 8 already established?

Director Schneider added....

- 1) Anytime someone is running a business, and someone comes along and changes the law on them, there is always some thought if there is an infringement on peoples right to do business.

- 2) These devices are permitted under state law.
- 3) The providers register with the Department of Commerce.
- 4) Virtual currency is regulated by State and Federal statutes that govern over virtual currency.
- 5) Litigation has been brought forward concerning those communities discussed earlier.
- 6) We could be subject to litigation
- 7) Draft legislation or language for legislation should involve the mayor before making any final decisions.
- 8) Tennessee bans included data centers, different from what we are proposing.
- 9) Ohio is not planning to ban only regulate

Councilman Kolezynski added that he feels it's a great idea, but it does open us up to some legal liability potentially. It could be seen as a violation of the Dormer Commerce Clause in the U.S. Constitution. We could write this to protect it from an attack and avoid an all-outright ban. I would write this so that we would protect us from a liability as well.

Councilwoman Durichko added that she doesn't want to inadvertently set us up for a lawsuit, or suits that could be quite costly.

Council President Rounds asked where do we land when it comes to being a charter city, rather than just follow state law.

Director Schneider stated that it depends on the matter. There are not a lot of banking regulations on our books. There is an argument that local communities do not get to regulate... We have the right to make laws that are contrary to state law however, there is law that certain Federal interests and State interests pre-empt that local right. We clearly have Home Rule Authority under the Charter; I'm unaware of any court precedent on this specific topic of Digital Kiosks up to this point in the State of Ohio.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked when Norwood's legislation went into effect and have they had any challenges?

Councilman Vanek stated that it was passed in December 2025 with a 60-day effective date. They have not expressed any challenges.

Council President Rounds asked for a motion to adjournment. So moved by Councilwoman Maruschak; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

Clerk Allen: Roll Call: Maruschak, Durichko, Palmisano, DeSouza, Vanek, Kolezynski and Rounds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Council Clerk



Tom Rounds
Council President