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Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak called to order the City Council meeting of Monday, June 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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, DeSouza, Vanek

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak made a motion to excuse Council President Rounds from this evening's meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Durichko

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

The Councilman is excused

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak made a motion to excuse Councilwoman Palmisano this evening; seconded by Councilwoman Durichko

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

The Councilwoman is excused

COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak continued with Reports from Mayor and Directors, we will begin with Mayor Gallo...

Mayor Gallo introduced State Representative Sean Brennan.

Rep. Sean Brennan: Thank you Mayor, thank you everybody. It is truly an honor to represent the City of Parma Heights and have every single one of you as friends. I have friends that represent many counties and they don't even know their elected officials nearly as well as I do. I did want to provide a short legislative update for you. You do so much for your community, if you have any questions I'm a phone call or a coffee break at Café Blanc away. Parma Heights is doing phenomenally well under your leadership, and it makes everybody's job easier and of course the residents are very happy. If they're happy with you then they are happy with me. Parma is celebrating 200 years, and we came across that Parma Heights was incorporated 70 years ago, so I thought it was only proper that you be properly recognized for your 70th Birthday as an incorporated city in the state of Ohio. I have an accommodation for the City of Parma Heights from myself and the Speaker of the House. I'd like to present that to acting President of Council Maruschak. I gave you all a copy of a handout regarding a number of bills that have been voted on recently. Bill SJR10 has been in the media. A senate joint resolution that will place on the ballot

this November the ability for Ohioans to decide if you should have an ID when you go to vote. I voted no on this bill because we already do this. There are larger issues here in Ohio. HB472, this was an idea to provide free ID's and birth certificates to homeless Ohioans. But the bill had a last-minute amendment made to it that you will be required to submit a photo ID with your absentee ballot. I voted against this issue as well. HB20 is called the Hallo Law, this is a bill that will help our police forces. When the police tell you to get back, you have to get back at least 15 feet so they can do their job and keep everybody safe. I did vote for this one and it did pass. HB479 that is a budget correction bill, there's 40 million dollars put aside for our first responders for PTSI coverage. Under Ohio Law in order for you to get mental health help from the state, you have to have an accompanying physical injury. These are injuries they obtained from on the job, and this will be there to help them heal from their injury. HB843/SB340 requires elector approval from municipal traffic camera programs. If you want to have a traffic camera program or renew your contract with the company that does it, you will now have to put that issue on the ballot and have the voters approve that. I have submitted an amendment to exclude communities that use speed zone cameras only in school zones.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak thanked Representative Brennan for the recognition of the 70th Anniversary for Parma Heights and providing us with the update. You are always present and active in our community. Thank you so much.

Councilwoman Durichko asked the Representative when they return to full session? HB945 the hospice bill, this is critical to some of our residents here in Parma Heights.

Representative Brennan responded that we return the week after the election. I think it's November 9th. We can be called back at any time, so if you have comments please reach out to me. Thanks everyone.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak moved on to the directors' reports, Director Bova....

Safety Director Bova: Our Fire Department responded to an active fire yesterday at 9779 West Ridgewood. Two adults and a pet got out safely. The fire was extinguished from the back of the house. Cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak asked if there were any questions or comments for Director Bova? Councilwoman Durichko.....

Councilwoman Durichko asked if this is the second or third incident on W. Ridgewood over the last 18 months or so?

Mayor Gallo responded that I do believe there could have been other fires, but they are not affiliated in any way.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak called upon Recreation Director Sedlak...

Recreation Director Sedlak: The tennis courts have the asphalt down; we expect the posts to get installed this week and painting will begin the week of July 6th. Our community pool is open. Things seem to be going well. We do have membership cards this year for the season pass holders, feedback has been positive. Fall soccer registration is open now through the first week of August. Flag football is going to include 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls. We held a father/daughter dance this past Saturday, at least 60 participants attended. Summer concert series will begin on July 12th at Nathan Hale Park. Please check the calendar for more information.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak thanked the director and stated that if Council President was here, he would thank you for the upkeep on the fields. They are in great condition as well as the swim meet, it was very well organized as well. Are there any comments or questions for Director Sedlak? Seeing none. Director Sepik.....

Service Director Sepik: The Cleveland Water contract should begin for the service lead line replacement in the upcoming days. During active construction the hours will be generally M – F (7 am – 5 pm), the streets that will be worked on are Chesterfield, Edgebrook, Hodgeman and Longwood. If any residents ask about this please ask them to call 216-664-2882 and for water emergencies please ask them to call 216-664-3060. I would now like to ask for a motion to accept the bid for the Greenbrier Commons parking lot. We received bids on June 8th. Based on the recommendation of the City Engineer I respectfully request a motion to award the contract to Infinitely Paving Company as the lowest and best bidder and accept the bid including the alternate in the amount of \$487,332.32 and to authorize the mayor to enter into the necessary agreements. Please note that all bid bonds were submitted electronically and as a result there are no physical bid bonds to release. The alternate bid is for the City Hall parking lot.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak stated that at this time I would like to make a motion to award the contractor Infinitely Paving Company as the lowest and best bidder and to accept the bidding including the alternate in the amount of \$487,332.32 and authorize the mayor to enter in the necessary agreement; Seconded by DeSouza.

Clerk Allen called Roll Call: Aye: Vanek, Kolezynski, Maruschak, Durichko, DeSouza
Motion carried

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak asked if there were any questions or comments for the director? Councilwoman Durichko..

Councilwoman Durichko stated that she and her family went on a walk at Nathan Hale this weekend, the Service Department is doing a fantastic job there.

Director Sepik said he would pass that on to the Recreation Department, because they have taken on that project and they do most of the maintenance there now.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak asked about the status of the dog park?

Director Sepik stated that the fence is up, there is another gate that needs to be added along with small concrete pads at the entrances, add the water feature, minor parking lot repairs and we should be able to open at the end of July. No date has been confirmed.

Finance Director Satow: I have no updates to report at this time.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak welcomed Director Schneider. Mayor Gallo....

Mayor Gallo: Thank you to State Representative Brennan for joining us this evening. This is our last regular council meeting before summer session. If anything comes up we will schedule a special meeting with council. I'd like to thank the Recreation Department again, the father/daughter dance was the first time that was created and carried out. Great success, very happy with how everything turned out.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak: Thank you mayor. Any questions or comments for the mayor this evening? Seeing none.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak stated there are no communications at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak: Please state your name and address clearly for the Council Clerk to hear. Public Session 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 Pro-Tem. You will have 3 minutes to speak with Clerk Allen keeping the time. Is there anyone here this evening that would like to speak?

Jennifer Perez, 5882 Doxmere Drive. There has been a disturbance going on within our neighborhood. We have a lot of elderly neighbors that are not able to get out. I reached out to Sue on how to go about handling this. There's not a noise ordinance here in Parma Heights, but there is an alarm that just keeps going on in our neighborhood. I have video recordings. I have neighbors too with so many reports. I've reached out, a gentleman did reach out but stated they would investigate the matter, and I've never heard back. I've had police officers come to my door explaining what's going on with the neighbor. It's all hours, all day, every day. I've had two different surgeries and I work from home. I can't get a minute of rest. It's located at 5891 Stumph Road. I'm on Doxmere so it's right behind my house. There are motion sensors all over the yard. If an animal walks by or a person comes by, it's like an ADT alarm and it blares. I don't know what else to do, I am here asking for help. (Played a recording of the alarm from her phone).

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak stated that the directors are taking notes.

Mayor Gallo asked if this has been reported to the Council Clerk?

Councilwoman Durichko replied yes it has on two occasions.

Mayor Gallo then stated that we will have you speak with the Safety Director after the meeting.

Safety Director Bova stated that he did send the police out there a couple of times. I will address it again with the Chief and follow up.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak asked if there was anyone else here that would like to speak? Please state your name and address.

Laura Reifschneider, 6377 Anita Drive. This spring I went through the process of getting a fence for my property. I have spoken to a couple members that are here today. Thank you, I appreciate all of your time. We are 15 weeks in and during the permit survey staking the property my neighbor's fence encroaches 7 inches onto my property. It doesn't seem like a lot but it's the driveway/garage side. I've verbally asked him, I have given him notice, I've given him a copy of the survey. I am asking him to move his fence onto his property. I need assistance on what's the next steps or understanding the process. I know it's his fence but it's on my property.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak: Anyone else this evening? Seeing none.

LEGISLATION

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 51**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 666.17 ENTITLED "OBSCENE OR PROFANE LANGUAGE" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak stated that this is this ordinance's third reading. Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak motioned to move this forward for passage; seconded by Durichko
Clerk Allen called the Roll Call: Aye: Kolezynski, Maruschak, Durichko, DeSouza, Vanek

Ordinance Passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 52**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 965.11 ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak stated that this is this ordinance’s third reading. Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 54**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH NEW MATTER; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by Durichko

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

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak stated that this is this ordinance’s second reading. Are there any questions or comments on this item? Seeing none.

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

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

Ordinance Passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 –55**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS TO FILE AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CASSIDY PATIO PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Vanek motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by DeSouza

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

Council President Pro-Tem stated that this is this item has been suspended. Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none.

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

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

Resolution Passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 56**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Kolezynski motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by Durichko

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

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

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

Resolution Passes

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -57**

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ENACTED BY RESOLUTION 2025-18 AND EXTENDED BY RESOLUTIONS 2025-68 AND 2026-7, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTHS, PROHIBITING THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE GRANTING OF, ZONING APPROVALS, BUILDING PERMITS, AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, USE, OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OR SALE OF VAPING/E-CIGARETTE PRODUCTS AND PROHIBITING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF SUCH PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by DeSouza

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

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak: Are there any questions or comments on this ordinance? Seeing none. I motion to move this forward for passage; seconded by DeSouza

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

Resolution Passes

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 58**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02 ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Kolezynski motioned to forward Ordinance 2026 – 58 to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Ordinance sent to the Planning Commission

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -59**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1185.02 ENTITLED “PERMITTED USES” OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Vanek motioned to forward to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Ordinance sent to the Planning Commission

Clerk Allen read: **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -60**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1195.05 ENTITLED, "COMMERCIAL USE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Durichko motioned to refer Ordinance 2026 – 60 to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza.

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

Ordinance sent to the Planning Commission

Clerk Allen read: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -61**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2027, DIRECTING THAT THE SAME BE SUBMITTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICE OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman DeSouza motioned to suspend the rules; seconded by Vanek

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

Council President Pro-Tem Maruschak: Are there any questions or comments on this resolution? Seeing none.

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

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

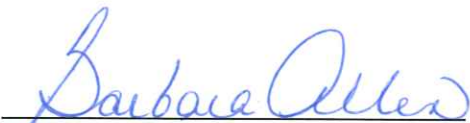
Resolution Passes

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Pro-Tem asked for a motion to adjourn? Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn the meeting.

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

The City Council Meeting of June 22, 2026 is adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council