



October 7, 2024
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

Cleveland Heights City Hall
Council Chambers
40 Severance Cir
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 7:46 p.m.

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

Present/Non-Voting: Davida Russell (Zoom)

Excused: None

Also Present: Mayor Seren, Director Hanna, Clerk Balester, Administrator Williams

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

Motion to amend agenda to add RES 192-2024 to First Readings –

Consideration of Adoption Requested: Jim Petras

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

MOTION PASSED

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. August 5, 2024

APPROVED

b. August 19, 2024

APPROVED

6) Communications from the Mayor

- Sealed bids were received on August 30, 2024 for project #24-15 – Denison Park Pickleball Court Project. Two companies submitted bids. Geauga Highway submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$221,392.60.
- Sealed bids were received on October 2, 2024 for project #24-07 – SSO Control of CH-13 and CH-61/Hampshire Road Project. Three companies submitted bids. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,216,671.00.
- Request permission to bid the following projects:
 - 24-12 – SSO CH-30/South Taylor Project
 - 24-13 – Sanitary Sewer Pipe Repair Project (SSPR) – Phase 2
 - 24-14 – Denison Park Turf Replacement and Rehab Project
 - **Motion to authorize to bid:** Anthony Mattox Jr.
 - Seconded:** Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

MOTION PASSED

- Thanked all the participants, sponsors, and volunteers for the Happy 5k Race. There were over 650 registered for the race.
- Congratulated Cain Park employees on the 2024 season; My Morning Jacket show at Cain Park sold out as the last show of the 2024 season at Cain Park.
- He gave an overview of an event he went to regarding Gun Violence Prevention...

7) City Administrator's Report

Nothing to report

8) Departmental Report(s)

Nothing to report

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

Nothing to report

10) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. If there are more than 15 speakers, the time will be automatically reduced to 2-minutes. Council President reserves the right to reduce the time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).

Speakers

Name	Citizen/Board Member/Other	Topic
Vershawn Grimes	Citizen	Issue with Ordinances regarding business trailers on residential property
Marty Gelfand	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry PEACE Campus resolution
Brady Dindia	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry PEACE Campus resolution

11) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Citizen/Board Member/Other	Topic
Miriam Schuman	Other	Inquired about plans for the ice rink and asked about opening up skate time in the early morning.
Lou Radivoyevitch	Citizen	Thanked everybody who helped make the Happy 5k a great event this year
Dorothy Safo	Citizen	Spoke about the destruction of trees by the power company when trimming around the power lines; asked if there was something the city could do to prevent them killing the trees

12) LEGISLATION

Note: The title for each piece of legislation contains a parenthetical reference to the Council Committee within which the subject matter of the legislation falls. Council Committees are abbreviated as follows: (AS)-Administrative Services; (COTW)-Committee of the Whole; (CRR)-Community Relations and Recreation; (F)-Finance; (HB)-Housing and Building; (MSES)-Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability; (PD)-Planning and Development; (PSH)-Public Safety and Health. See Resolution 97-2022 for a list of Council Committee subject matter areas.

a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 187-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. for the acquisition of a Case Model 721G Articulated Wheel Loader for the Streets Division of the Department of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 188-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming October 20 - 26, 2024, *National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Petras and Councilmember Posch

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Discussion: Larson – the CDC is promoting October 20 – 26 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention week as a call to bring together individuals, private organizations, state and local governments, to reduce childhood exposure to lead by increasing lead poisoning prevention awareness.

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 189-2024(HB): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to a professional services agreement with SAFEbuilt Ohio, LLC; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC, for the purchase of one (1) new Seagrave model Marauder Pumper and related equipment for the Fire Department through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 190-2024(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance enacting Section 331.46 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights, entitled "Driving while texting."

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 191-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution increasing the compensation of the Clerk of Council.

Introduced by President Cuda

READ INTO THE RECORD

c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2024(AS): Second Reading. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kory Clark as a member of the Community Improvement Corporation of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2024(AS): Second Reading. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of India L. Birdsong Terry as a member of the Community Improvement Corporation of the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 170-2024(AS): Second Reading. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Audrey Hudak as a member of the Lead-Safe Advisory Board of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 171-2024(AS): Second Reading. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Morgan Mackay as a member of the Lead-Safe Advisory Board of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2024(AS): Second Reading. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of William Fadel as a member of the Community Improvement Corporation of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Gail Larson

Discussion: Cobb – to all of the Mayor's appointments that Council has passed, he asked that residents go to view their applications on the city website to see how well qualified these applicants are and thanked them for their willingness to do this service for the City.

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 181-2024(COTW): Second Reading As Amended. A Resolution Encouraging Heights Libraries to work toward a solution that preserves the P.E.A.C.E Campus Building at 2843 Washington Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 as a hub for arts and culture; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember

Petras, Councilmember Cobb, and Councilmember Larson

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Gail Larson

Discussion: Petras – he has received many emails from residents and tax payers that they want the Coventry Peace Campus building to be preserved as a hub for arts and culture. He drafted this resolution because he shares the can-do spirit of Mayor Brennan (University Heights). He knows if the will exists a solution can be found where the building is preserved as a hub for arts and culture. He is willing to work out a solution that fulfills all parties' interest. Cuda – he believes the building and its tenants are a vibrant asset to the community. Tomorrow at 6pm, Council will meet with the library board to discuss a path forward.

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

13) Committee Reports

- **CRR:** Congratulated city staff and thanked Shontel Brown about the recent grant funding awarded for Cain Park; it will have a huge impact on what the City will be able to provide the residents.
- **HB:** Housing and Building will be meeting tomorrow at 5pm in the executive conference room.
- **Finance:** Update from the work session on September 23rd. The committee is currently working on a scope of work for a data analysis of lender activities in certain neighborhoods in Cleveland Heights.
- **MSES:** Will meet October 21 at 10am; will be discussing business recycling and safe cycling infrastructure.
- **PSH:** Will meet Tuesday, October 15th; will be discussing street safety and deer population issues.

14) Old Business

15) New Business

16) Council Member Comments

(Note: Council comments should directly relate to the business of the City of Cleveland Heights, rather than personal reflection or commentary. A maximum 3-minute time limit applies, but the Council President may reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda, the time of evening, or other similar factors.)

- **Larson:** Made remarks and reflected on the events of October 7, 2023 and all the events of the past year during the Israel/Palestine conflict

- **Petras:** Thanked the Mayor for meeting with him last week. Also congratulated and thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Happy 5k; they raised about \$20k for the City's youth recreation fund. Reflected on the events of October 7, 2023 and the events of the past year.

17) Council President's Report

- Congratulated everybody who participated in the Happy 5k this weekend. Also thanked everybody who came out for the Heights Music Hop; it was a great event with fantastic bands and musical talent who participated.

18) Adjournment

End: 8:37 p.m

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: OCTOBER 21, 2024

APPROVED: December 9, 2024



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council