



January 21, 2025
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

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

AGENDA - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1) **Meeting called to order by Council President**
- 2) **Roll Call of Council Members**
- 3) **Excuse absent members**
- 4) **Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)**
- 5) **Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**
 - a. October 21, 2024
 - b. November 4, 2024
 - c. November 18, 2024
- 6) **MPACT Presentation**
Ryan Porter
- 7) **Communications from the Mayor**
- 8) **City Administrator's Report**
- 9) **Report of the Clerk of Council**
- 10) **Departmental Report(s)**
- 11) **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).
- 12) **Public Comment - General**
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to 2-minutes. Council President reserves the right to reduce the time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).

13) LEGISLATION

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a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Frank Novak & Sons, Inc. to furnish the labor, material, and equipment necessary for sandblasting, painting, and related services for the purpose of repairing the Cumberland pool; repealing Resolution No. 227-2024 in its entirety; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren
Move for Adoption

b. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2025(AS): Second Reading. A Resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Rodney G. Hairston as the Director of Finance, commencing upon his confirmation; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren
Move for Adoption

c. Fourth Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 244-2024(HB): Fourth Reading (Amended 01.16.2025). An Ordinance enacting Section 1351.35 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, entitled "Tenants' Rights and Responsibilities."

Introduced by Councilmember Petras
Move for Adoption

d. Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing February 2025 as *Black History Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming February 14, 2025 as *National Donor Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming February, 2025 to be *American Heart Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing February 1, 2025 as *National Freedom Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members

Move to Suspend Rules
Move for Adoption

14) Committee Reports

15) Old Business

16) New Business

17) 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.)

18) Council President's Report

19) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: FEBRUARY 3, 2025



October 21, 2024
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

1) **Meeting called to order by Council President**

Start: 7:31pm

2) **Roll Call of Council Members**

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

Excused: Jim Posch

Also present: Mayor Seren, Assistant Law Director Crumrine, Clerk Balester

3) **Excuse absent members**

Jim Posch excused

4) **Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)**

Council president reserved the right to amend agenda later in the meeting if necessary to adjust for the scheduled start time of Agenda Item 10: NEORS Doan Brook Restoration Project - Design Update (start time 8:00pm via zoom)

5) **Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**

a. September 3, 2024

APPROVED

b. September 9, 2024

APPROVED

6) **Communications from the Mayor**

- Sealed bids were received on October 8, 2024 for project #24-08 – Sanitary Sewer Pipe Repair Project – Phase 1. Three companies submitted bids. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving submitted the lowest and

best bid in the amount of \$2,044,599.21.

7) City Administrator's Report

- Coventry Garage/Elevator Update
- Lennox/Surrey Garage Update; estimated completion is by the end of 2024
- Cedar-Lee Elevator; water damage to the motherboard (computer) is causing issues; 6-8 weeks to get a new motherboard

8) Departmental Report(s)

No reports

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

Nothing to report

11) Motion to amend agenda to move Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items Only to before the NEORSD Presentation: Tony Cuda

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).

Speaker	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Drew Herzig	Resident	Resolution on gender-affirming healthcare
Harley Rubin	Resident	Trans sanctuary city resolution
Anna Powaski	Resident	Trans sanctuary city resolution
Sidney Negron	Resident	Trans sanctuary city resolution

10) NEORSD Doan Brook Restoration Project - Design Update

8:00 PM Start Time (Zoom)

- Council left the presentation early in order to address the public in attendance to speak about Christian Thomas

12) Public Comment - General

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).

Speaker	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Sara Thomas-Peterson	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Brenda Bickerstaff	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Bill Swain	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Carol Steiner	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Molly Garfield	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Arthur Blakey II	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Abdul Ra Hasan	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Tiffany Tyson	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Sara Continenza	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
Genesis Tyson Thomas	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas
CJ Nash	Resident	Death of Christian Thomas

Motion to recess: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

13) LEGISLATION

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subject matter areas.

a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment to the agreement with Wade Trim, Inc. for professional design and engineering services relating to control of sanitary sewer overflows CH-13 and CH-61, and illicit connections on Hampshire Road; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE 194-2024(MSES): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 140-2021 to broaden the authorized expenditure of ARPA funds to include water infrastructure improvements 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 195-2024(F): First Reading. A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission; authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 196-2024(F): First Reading. A Resolution requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from the proceeds of the 2024 tax year collection pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 197-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Classic Ford of Madison for the acquisition of a two (2) 2024 Ford F-350 one-ton Regular Cab trucks for the Refuse and Recycling Division of the Department of Public Works.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 198-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with MACQUEEN Equipment, LLC. for the acquisition of two (2) 7.5 yard 50/50 Split Body Easy Dump – Direct Truck Mounts for the Refuse and Recycling Division of the Department of Public Works.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 199-2024(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming the City of Cleveland Heights a safe haven for gender-affirming

health care.

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

READ INTO THE RECORD

c. Second Readings

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

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

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

Introduced by President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Discussion:

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

d. Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend rules: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 200-2024(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing October 24, 2024 as *International Climate Action Day* in Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by City Council Members and Mayor Seren

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 201-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution declaring October 2024 *National Community Planning Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by City Council and Mayor Seren

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 202-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution declaring November 30, 2024 *Small Business Saturday*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by City Council Members and Mayor Seren

Passed on consent agenda

14) Committee Reports

- **MSES:** Update from her committee meeting earlier this morning. The next meeting is Nov 18 at 10am.
- **F:** Will be scheduling a meeting in November.
- **AS:** The next meeting is Oct 28 at 5:15. They will start with an executive session and then speak with the Chairs of the resident boards/commissions.
- **PD:** Wednesday, Nov. 6 there will be a hearing about the dog park.

15) Old Business

None

16) New Business

None

17) Council Member Comments

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- **Larson:** Gave her condolences to the Thomas family.
- **Petras:** He is grateful to everybody who came to speak this evening despite how painful it must have been for them.
- **Cobb** also expressed his condolences to the Thomas family; Council had no idea that information had not been conveyed to the family. City Council doesn't have anymore information than the family members. he has confidence that when the City and BCI complete their investigation that there will be full transparency. Whatever the outcome is, this Council will do whatever it needs to do to ensure any reforms that may be necessary within the Police Department will be implemented.
- **Mattox:** Thanked everybody for coming to express their emotions and feelings; this Council absolutely grieves with the family. It is very difficult to see a young man lose a future of experiences. The family has this Council's support and prayers. He wants the family to know his entire family is praying for them and lifting them up, and he prays for everybody who was there that night and experienced that trauma.
- **Russell:** Shared her sincere condolences; Council had no idea of the information they shared tonight, they were in the dark. She supports the police, but when there are issues, they need to be called out; there needs to be a clear and transparent investigation. She prays that they all may have peace in their hearts.

18) Council President's Report

- He would like to get together with his former student - the brother of Christian Thomas - to get to know Christian. The least he can do is to get to know him to honor his life. He thanked everybody for coming to express their grief with the Council tonight.

19) Adjournment

End: 9:54 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: NOVEMBER 4, 2024



November 4, 2024
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 7:32 pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: None

Also present: Mayor Seren, Director Hanna, Administrator Williams, Chief Britton, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

None

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

6) Life Saving Award Presentation

Chief Britton - Presenting; Investigator Justin Weir - Recipient

The wife of the victim spoke about the events that happened that led to her husband's life being saved, and then Chief Britton spoke and awarded Investigator Weir with a life-saving award.

7) Communications from the Mayor

- Sealed bids were received on October 24, 2024 for project #24-06 – North Park SSO Control Project. Four companies submitted bids. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$2,390,507.00.

- Sealed bids were received on October 24, 2024 for project #24-05 – Yellowstone Sewer separation and Water Main Replacement Project. Five companies submitted bids. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$2,132,227.50. In addition, Wade Trim, Inc., the design engineer, is recommending a \$200,000 contingency be added for this project for a total of (\$2,332,227.50).
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- Request permission to bid the following projects:
 - 24-17 – Cain Park Stramp Installation and Improvement Project
 - 24-18 – Coventry Garage Improvement Project

Motion to authorize to bid project 24-17: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to authorize to bid project 24-18: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

- Announced that he will be bringing a new Wage and Salary Ordinance to Council for approval based on the Archer Group's Salary Survey Study results.

8) City Administrator's Report

- Announced that City Hall will be closing early at noon tomorrow for all non-essential personnel

9) Departmental Report(s)

No reports

10) Report of the Clerk of Council

Nothing to report

11) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Harley Rubin	Resident	Trans sanctuary resolution
Stephanie L. Ash	Resident	Trans sanctuary resolution
Drew Herzig	Resident	Gender affirming healthcare

12) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Brenda Tyson	Resident	Update concerning the death of Christian Tyson Thomas
Brady Dindia	Other	P.E.A.C.E Campus
Daniel Levin	Resident	Parking meter blight
Laurie Daigle	Resident	Recent parking lot vandalism
Drew Herzig	Resident	Police as first responders

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a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 203-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution supporting and authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund for a grant under the

program, and to accept funding if awarded for the Attleboro-Shelburne trail, for the Doan Brook Restoration Park Improvements – Trails Project; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 204-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Brine Worx for the acquisition of certain snow and ice equipment 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GPD Group., for construction management services relating to the Clarendon and Edgerly waterline replacement project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 206-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Behnke Landscape Architecture for design services for the design of public spaces and streetscape areas along

Noble Road and North & South Taylor Road; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 207-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with UBIZ Venture Capital for program management services for the Small Business Support Program; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 208-2024(PSH): First Reading. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with OHM Advisors for traffic consulting services including the preparation of the South Taylor Road TLCI Road Diet Project Traffic Study, 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 209-2024(F): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio to enter into one or more installment payment contracts and related agreements in order to finance certain energy conservation improvements pursuant to section 717.02 of the Ohio Revised

Code; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to amend: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 210-2024(F): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an amendment of the agreement with Bricker Graydon LLP for American Rescue Plan Act related legal counsel services; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 211-2024(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance giving final approval of the compensation rates and benefits proposed by the tentative labor agreements with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the period commencing on April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027, in SERB Case Nos. 2023-MED-12-1140 (unclassified basic patrol officers and classified police officers) and 2023-MED-12-1141 (Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants); granting the Mayor the authority to sign said agreements; amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 127-2024, "Wage and Salary Ordinance," to incorporate the new terms of said agreements, 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: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 197-2024(MSES): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Classic Ford of Madison for the acquisition of a two (2) 2024 Ford F-350 one-ton Regular Cab trucks for the Refuse and Recycling Division of the Department of Public Works.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 198-2024(MSES): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with MACQUEEN Equipment, LLC. for the acquisition of two (2) 7.5 yard 50/50 Split Body Easy Dump – Direct Truck Mounts for the Refuse and Recycling Division of the Department of Public Works.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 199-2024(COTW): Second Reading. A Resolution proclaiming the City of Cleveland Heights a safe haven for gender-affirming

health care.

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

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

14) Committee Reports

F: Gave and update from the Finance Committee earlier this evening

MSES: The next meeting is November 18th at 10 am.

HB: Gave an update from the Housing and Building Committee meeting on...the next meeting is 5pm on Tuesday, November 12th.

AS: Gave an update from the Admin Services meeting which included the Chairs of the various Boards/Commissions of resident committees.

PD: There will be another public hearing this Wednesday, at 6 pm in Council Chambers.

15) Old Business

16) New Business

17) Council Member Comments

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Mattox: Gave a shout-out to all the volunteers who have been pounding the pavement for months and months to get people to go out and vote and gave a shout-out to Vice President Russell who was working hard out in the community, and the entire county. Get out and vote and call at least 10 people tomorrow to remind them to get out and vote! Thanked the volunteers who will be working the polls tomorrow. This is a vote-or-die situation and he encourages everybody to use your vote!! He prays for peace across this country, and we are all one community.

Russell: Thanked the Mayor for giving the staff half a day off to encourage our

city staff to vote. She has been on the road in all of her free time, hosting canvassing operations and phone banks in Ohio and Michigan. She encourages everybody, but especially the African American community to get out and vote!

18) Council President's Report

- Voting is everything and is the only thing that should be on our minds tomorrow. This is the future of our country and it is in our hands.
- Gave an overview of the meeting between City Council and the Library Board, the result of which was that the library board made their intentions very clear. The tenants must be out by Jan 31, 2025 and the building will be mothballed. Since this meeting, there seems to be some confusion as to why the Council even had this meeting. Gave his opinion as to where the Council was coming from in organizing this meeting. In September, he received emails from some library board members that indicated they were still in decision-making mode and that they wanted to find a solution just as the Council did. He asked that the board come with some numbers to the table; what did they need to make this work? He did not believe the board took this meeting in good faith.

19) Adjournment

End: 8:37 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: NOVEMBER 18, 2024



November 18, 2024
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

8:00 P.M.

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: None

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

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

**Motion to amend agenda to add RES 227-2024 to *First Readings* -
Consideration of Adoption Requested: Jim Petras**

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. September 16, 2024

APPROVED

6) Happy 5k/10k Presentation

1 **7) Western Reserve Land Conservancy Presentation**

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3 **8) Communications from the Mayor**

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5 • Sealed bids were received Nov 15, 2024 for project #24-12 – CH30 SSO
6 Control. Two companies
7 • Request permission to bid Project #24-19 – East Fairfax Water Main
8 Replacement Project
9

- 10 • **Motion to authorize permission to bid project #24-12:** Jim Petras
11 **Seconded:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

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13 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida
14 Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

15 **No:** None

16 **MOTION PASSED**

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18 • Briefly spoke about the recently published Climate Action and Resiliency
19 Plan which can be found on the city's website.
20 • Announced that the City is the recipient of an \$800,000 grant from
21 USDOT, requiring a \$200,000 match from the City, for the Safe Streets
22 For All program that will make our roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists,
23 and drivers. He anticipates the plan being completed soon.
24 • There were 2 incidents of death by suicide in our community over the
25 weekend. He encouraged people to check in with their people; life is not
26 easy and deaths of despair can be preventable. Call 988, the Suicide
27 Prevention Hotline if you need to talk. You can also chat with somebody
28 online at chat988hotline.org
29

30 **9) City Administrator's Report**

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32 • In his last meeting with the Council he offered his gratitude for serving this
33 great city. He is confident with collaboration between the Administration
34 and City Council the City can reach its full potential. He has great
35 expectations for where this City can go.
36

37 **10) Departmental Report(s)**

- 38
39 • The new Director of Parks and Recreation, Andres Gonzalez, introduced
40 himself to Council and the residents. He is looking forward to working with
41 the great staff in place and to hit the ground running.
42

43 **11) Report of the Clerk of Council**

12) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).

Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Drew Herzig	Resident	Legislation for transgender day of remembrance

13) Public Comment - General

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).

Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Arthur Blakey II	Resident	Christian Thomas' death
Bill Swain	Other	Christian Thomas' death
Sara Thomas-Peterson	Resident	Police oversight; Christian Thomas' death
Chalana Freed	Other	Community safety- Youth Violence Prevention Program
Mike Bier	Resident	Western Reserve Land Conservancy Housing Assessment
Chris Brace	Resident	Traffic calming budget
Mary Kelsey	Resident	Climate Action and Resilience Plan

14) 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.

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2 **a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested**
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4 **RESOLUTION NO. 212-2024(HB): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing
5 the Mayor to enter into an agreement with A & J Cement Contractors, Inc. for
6 implementation of the Concrete Driveways, Aprons, Sidewalks & Pathways
7 Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately
8 effective as an emergency measure.
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10 Introduced by Mayor Seren
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12 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

13 **Seconded:** Jim Petras
14

15 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida
16 Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
17

18 **No:** None

LEGISLATION PASSED

19 **RESOLUTION NO. 213-2024(HB): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing
20 the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Romanin Concrete, Inc. for
21 implementation of the Concrete Driveways, Aprons, Sidewalks & Pathways
22 Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately
23 effective as an emergency measure.
24

25 Introduced by Mayor Seren
26

27 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

28 **Seconded:** Gail Larson
29

30 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida
31 Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
32

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

33 **RESOLUTION NO. 214-2024(MSES): First Reading.** A Resolution
34 authorizing an agreement with Lavery Automotive Sales & Service, LLC for
35 the purchase of two (2) Chevy Bolt EV's; waiving competitive bidding; and
36 declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as
37 an emergency measure.
38

39 Introduced by Mayor Seren
40

41 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

42 **Seconded:** Craig Cobb
43

44 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida
45 Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 215-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for engineering services associated with the replacement of the existing sanitary sewer along Lamberton Rd. from Scarborough Rd. to Fairmount Blvd. within the City in order to control SSO CH50; providing compensation therefor; 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: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 216-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wade Trim, Inc., for construction administration and resident observation services relating to the Hampshire SSO Control Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 217-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wade Trim, Inc., for construction administration and resident observation services relating to the Yellowstone Road Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as 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., Davida

Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 218-2024(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 198-2023, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, repeal the prior version of Ordinance No. 198-2023; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 219-2024(CRR): First Reading As Amended 11.18.2024. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Frank Novak & Sons to furnish the labor, material, and equipment to perform the sandblasting, painting, and related services to repair the Cumberland pool; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.
Seconded: Jim Petras

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a partnership agreement with Friends of Mendelsohn to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant program to fund projects on the former Park Synagogue campus and elsewhere in the City; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren
Move for Adoption

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.
Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 221-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter agreements with various professional audio, visual, and lighting service and equipment providers and for the professional services and equipment to upgrade Cain Park's production capabilities in accordance with Ordinance No. 179-2023; 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: Jim Petras

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 222-2024(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to solicit statements of qualifications from design-build firms for the Cain Park Restrooms Renovation Project; 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., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 227-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract with Tanya R. Richardson for personal training services; 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

1 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida
2 Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
3 **No:** None
4

LEGISLATION PASSED

5 **b. First Readings Only**
6

7 **ORDINANCE NO. 223-2024(PD): First Reading.** An Ordinance declaring
8 the improvements to certain real property within the City to be a public
9 purpose; describing the public improvements to be made to directly benefit
10 such parcels; exempting such improvements from ad valorem real property
11 taxation; requiring the owner of the improvements to make service payments
12 in lieu of ad valorem real property taxes, and establishing a municipal public
13 improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of the service
14 payments in lieu of ad valorem property taxes, all pursuant to
15 Sections 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 of the Ohio Revised Code; and
16 declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as
17 an emergency measure.
18

19 Introduced by Mayor Seren

20 **READ INTO THE RECORD**

21 **RESOLUTION NO. 226-2024(COTW): First Reading.** A Resolution
22 authorizing an expanded scope of work for the grant to Heights Arts
23 Collaborative, Inc. ("Heights Arts") through Ordinance No. 179-2023; and
24 declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as
25 an emergency measure.
26

27 Introduced by President Cuda

28 **READ INTO THE RECORD**

29 **c. Consent Agenda**

30 **Motion to suspend rules:** Gail Larson

31 **Seconded:** Anthony Mattox Jr.
32

33 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida
34 Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

35 **No:** None
36

MOTION PASSED

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38 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

39 **Seconded:** Craig Cobb
40

41 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida

Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 224-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing December, 2024 as *Universal Month for Human Rights* and December 10, 2024 as *Human Rights Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 225-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing November 20, 2024 as *Transgender Day of Remembrance* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Legislation passed on consent agenda

15) Committee Reports

- **Finance:** Overview of Finance Committee meeting fond Nov. 4, 2024
- **MSES:** Overview of MSES Committee meeting on Nov 18, 2024
- **HB:** Overview of HB Committee meeting on Nov. 18, 2024
- **PD:** Overview of the public hearing for the dog park; gave a brief update on projects she is working on

16) Old Business

17) New Business

18) 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.)

- **Russell:** Expressed how hard it is not to be able to respond to public comments in some cases. However, as legislators, they are not part of the administration and therefore do not have all the information required to give a response.

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2 **19) Council President's Report**

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4 • Budget hearings are this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday starting at
5 10am

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7 **20) Adjournment**

8 End: 9:21 P.M.

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10 **NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: DECEMBER 2, 2024**



Date: January 16, 2025

To: City Council

From: Law Department

Subject: Frank Novak & Sons

Purpose Statement: To authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Frank Novak & Sons, Inc. to furnish the labor, material, and equipment necessary for sandblasting, painting, and related services for the purpose of repairing the Cumberland pool; repealing Resolution No. 227-2024 in its entirety; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

This is the same scope of work as the agreement approved pursuant to Resolution No. 227-2024. However, the request for legislation mistakenly conflated the Contractor's use of Sourcewell agreements for suppliers with the Contractor's proposal, generally, and so the scope of the authorization did not include a non-Sourcewell agreement with the Contractor.

Is this legislation recurring: Yes: _____ No: X

Is emergency language necessary: Yes: X No: _____

If yes, why?

Contractor needs to be retained as soon as possible to ensure the Cumberland Pool open on time for the Summer 2025 season.

Is passage on first reading necessary: Yes: X No: _____

If yes, why?

Contractor needs to be retained as soon as possible to ensure the Cumberland Pool open on time for the Summer 2025 season.

If funding is required, is it already budgeted for? Yes: X No: _____

If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from?

Proposed: 01/21/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2025 (CRR), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Frank Novak & Sons, Inc. to furnish the labor, material, and equipment necessary for sandblasting, painting, and related services for the purpose of repairing the Cumberland pool; repealing Resolution No. 227-2024 in its entirety; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the concrete surfaces and caulking of Cumberland Pool require repair, sealing, and caulking in order to eliminate water leaks before the pool opens for the 2025 season; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation, after completing a canvass of contractors in the region, has determined there are no other companies that perform this specific type of pool work, and that Frank Novak & Sons, Inc. has a history of performing high quality work throughout Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-2024 was passed by this Council on November 18, 2024, upon the information and belief that the necessary labor, material, and equipment could be procured through a cooperative purchasing program, but the City has since determined that the cooperative purchasing program applied only to the purchase of materials; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence with respect to contracting for this improvement due to the seasonal nature of the work.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of Codified Ordinances Chapter 171 to the contrary, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Frank Novak & Sons, Inc., for the purpose of furnishing the labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the sandblasting, painting, and other services related to the repair of the Cumberland Pool, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$197,861.00). The agreement shall contain such other terms as recommended by the Mayor and Director of Law, and shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. Resolution No. 227-2024 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2025(CRR)

newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to complete all work as soon as weather permits and prior to the 2025 pool season.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council,

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

Proposed: 01/06/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2025(AS), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Rodney G. Hairston as the Director of Finance, commencing upon his confirmation; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the City's Charter, the Mayor is to appoint a director of each department who shall have the supervision and control of said department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the same Section of the Charter, the Mayor's appointment of the Director of Law, Director of Finance, and Director of Planning is effective only upon the approval of a majority of the members of council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested that this Council approve his appointment of Rodney G. Hairston as Director of Finance, to commence upon his confirmation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 2. This Council hereby approves the Mayor's appointment of Rodney G. Hairston as Director of Finance, effective upon his confirmation.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to fill the vacancy in the position of Director of Finance at the earliest possible date. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2025(AS)

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

2025 - Finance Director

Contact Information -- Person ID: 53311830

Name:	Rodney George Hairston	Address:	Copley, Ohio 44321-3105 US
Home Phone:		Alternate Phone:	
Email:		Notification Preference:	Email
Former Last Name:	Hairston	Month and Day of Birth:	10/30

Personal Information

Driver's License:	Yes, Ohio ,
Can you, after employment, submit proof of your legal right to work in the United States?	Yes
What is your highest level of education?	Master's Degree

Preferences

Minimum Compensation:	\$0.00 per hour; \$0.00 per year
Are you willing to relocate?	Yes
Types of positions you will accept:	Regular
Types of work you will accept:	Full Time
Types of shifts you will accept:	Day

Objective

Seeking a challenging financial leadership role within government where I can utilize my strong analytical and financial skills to consistently exceed budget targets and provide guidance and assistance in the resolution of difficult financial issues.

Education**Graduate School**

Case Western Reserve University
<https://case.edu/weatherhead/>
 -
 Cleveland, Ohio

Did you graduate: Yes
 Major/Minor: Finance
 Units Completed: 60 Semester
 Degree Received: Master's

College/University

The University of Akron
<https://www.uakron.edu/>
 -
 Akron, Ohio

Did you graduate: Yes
 Major/Minor: Business Administration
 Units Completed: 128 Semester
 Degree Received: Bachelor's

Work Experience**Chief Financial Officer / VP Finance**
7/2023 - Present

Saint Martin de Porres High School
<https://www.saintmartincleveland.org/>
 6202 Saint Clair Avenue
 Cleveland, Ohio 44103
 216-881-1689

Hours worked per week: 45
 # of Employees Supervised: 5
 Name of Supervisor: Charles Napoli - School President
 May we contact this employer?
 No

Duties

Manage \$11 million annual operating budget. Develop annual budgets with operating managers; manage financial analysis and financial controls. Report monthly financial results to the Board of Trustees. Supervise a staff of three managers, total staff of 10 employees.

Serve as the Chief staff liaison to the Finance, Investment and Facilities Committees of the Board of Trustees. Supervise the Facilities Director to oversee the physical campus, including buildings and grounds maintenance, capital planning, and construction projects.

Manage all treasury functions and banking relationships. Develop and maintain strong relationships with bankers, investors and financial analysts. Oversee capital investments and school endowment funds. Administer and manage all employee benefit programs including health insurance, retirement, worker's compensation, life insurance. Manage insurance programs including property, casualty, medical and workers' compensation.

Reason for Leaving

Present

Chief Financial Officer

10/2021 - 5/2023

Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
<https://cuyahogabdd.org/>
 1275 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland
 Cleveland, Ohio
 216-241-8230

Hours worked per week: 50
 # of Employees Supervised: 24
 Name of Supervisor: Kelly Petty - CEO
 May we contact this employer?
 Yes

Duties

Manage financial planning, financial analysis, budgeting, accounts payable, payroll, purchasing and information technology

Develop \$155 million annual operating budget. Develop annual budgets with 15 division managers; manage financial analysis and financial controls. Report monthly financial results to the Cuyahoga DD board including variance explanations. Supervise a staff of two division managers, total staff of 24 employees.

Manage all revenue sources totaling \$139 million including County/Local Levy Revenue, Targeted Case Management, Medicaid Administrative Claim, Title XX, Opportunities for Ohio with Disabilities (OOD) and Medicaid Waiver billing.

Led financial analysis for an information system upgrade to the Oracle Cloud financial reporting system. Completed vendor analysis, system analysis, system demos and cost analysis. Managed external consultants through complete system integration and implementation.

Reason for Leaving

Incoming CEO hiring new leadership team

Airport Comptroller

8/2013 - 10/2021

Cleveland Airport System
<https://www.clevelandairport.com/>
 5300 Riverside Drive
 Cleveland, Ohio 44135
 216-265-6000

Hours worked per week: 40
 # of Employees Supervised: 3
 Name of Supervisor: Christine Gilmartin - Chief Financial Officer
 May we contact this employer?
 Yes

Duties

Managed financial planning, financial analysis, budgeting, customer billing and procurement for Cleveland International Airport and Burke Lakefront airport.

Developed \$160 million annual operating budget and monthly forecasts. Managed accounts

payable, developed budgets with 35 senior managers; managed financial analysis and financial controls. Managed external auditors completed annual financial audit and annual report. Supervised a staff of three accountants.

Led financial analysis for an onsite Circle K Convenience store, BP branded fuel station, Burger King Restaurant and Passenger Vehicle Car Wash. Competed all due diligence, financial analysis, and financing alternatives for road modifications. Transaction resulted in \$1 million annual revenue stream.

Had direct oversight for all procurement contracts including professional service contracts, standard purchasing contracts, airport requirements contracts and citywide purchasing contracts. Annual contractual expenditures totaled \$75 million.

Managed insurance/risk management program for Cleveland Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport. Developed and implemented risk management strategies and insurance programs for property, general liability and automobile, including placements, negotiations, coverage reviews, and claims management.

Reason for Leaving

Resigned for new opportunity

Certificates and Licenses

Skills

Office Skills

Typing:

Data Entry:

Other Skills

Microsoft Office (Excel Powerpoint, Word, Access
Intermediate - 15 years and 0 months

Languages

English - Speak, Read, Write

Additional Information

References

Professional

Bahhur, Khalid

Commissioner of Airports - CLE

5300 Riverside Drive

Cleveland, Ohio 44135

Professional

Smith, Ricky

CEO Baltimore-Maryland Airport (BWI) (Former CLE Airport

Director)

7050 Friendship Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21240

Professional

Turner, Eric

Deputy Commissioner - Cleveland Airport

5300 Riverside Drive

Cleveland, Ohio 44135

Resume**Text Resume****Attachments**

Attachment	File Name	File Type	Created By
Cover-CH.docx	Cover-CH.docx	Cover Letter	Job Seeker
RH-Resume 2024-1.pdf	RH-Resume 2024-1.pdf	Resume	Job Seeker

Agency-Wide Questions

1. Q: Have you previously worked for the City of Cleveland Heights?

A: No

2. Q: Do you have any relative employed by the City of Cleveland Heights?

A: No

3. Q: Did you serve in the military?

A: No

4. Q: What source brought you in to apply for this position?

A: City of Cleveland Heights' website



SUMMARY

Financial management professional with several years of increasingly responsible experience in strategic planning, financial planning and analysis, financial modeling, acquisition analysis, operating and capital budgeting and business development.

- Financial Planning
- Financial Analysis
- eCommerce
- Operating/Capital Budgeting
- Financial Reporting
- Financial Modeling
- Strategic Planning
- Business Development
- Valuation Analysis

EXPERIENCE

SAINT MARTIN de PORRES HIGH SCHOOL, Cleveland, [REDACTED] **2023 to Present**

Member of the School Leadership Team. Manage financial/strategic planning, financial analysis, budgeting, accounts payable, payroll, purchasing, information technology, insurance/risk management, building operations and food service.

Chief Financial Officer

- Manage \$11 million annual operating budget. Develop annual budgets with operating managers; manage financial analysis and financial controls. Report monthly financial results to the Board of Trustees. Supervise a staff of three managers, total staff of [REDACTED] employees.
- Serve as the Chief staff liaison to the Finance, Investment and Facilities Committees of the Board of Trustees. Supervise the Facilities Director to oversee the physical campus, including buildings and grounds maintenance, capital planning, and construction projects.
- Manage all treasury functions and banking relationships. Develop and maintain strong relationships with bankers, investors and financial analysts. Oversee capital investments and school endowment funds. Administer and manage all employee benefit programs including health insurance, retirement, worker's compensation, life insurance. Manage insurance programs including property, casualty, medical and workers' compensation.

CUYAHOGA BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, Cleveland, [REDACTED] **2021 to 2023**

Managed financial planning, financial analysis, budgeting, accounts payable, payroll, purchasing and information technology

Chief Financial Officer

- Developed \$155 million annual operating budget. Developed annual budgets with 15 division managers; managed financial analysis and financial controls. Reported monthly financial results to the Cuyahoga DD board including variance explanations. Supervised a staff of two division managers, total staff of 24 employees.
- Managed all revenue sources totaling \$139 million including County/Local Levy Revenue, Targeted Case Management, Medicaid Administrative Claim, Title XX, Opportunities for [REDACTED] with Disabilities (OOD) and Medicaid Waiver billing.
- Led financial analysis for an information system upgrade to the Oracle Cloud financial reporting system. Completed vendor analysis, system analysis, system demos and cost analysis. Managed external consultants through complete system integration and implementation.

CITY OF CLEVELAND - CLEVELAND AIRPORT SYSTEM, Cleveland, [REDACTED] **2013 to 2021**

Managed financial planning, financial analysis, budgeting, customer billing and procurement for Cleveland International Airport and Burke Lakefront airport.

Airport Comptroller – Finance and Procurement

- Developed \$160 million annual operating budget and monthly forecasts. Managed accounts payable, developed budgets with 35 senior managers; managed financial analysis and financial controls. Managed external auditors completed annual financial audit and annual report. Supervised a staff of three accountants.
- Led financial analysis for an onsite Circle K Convenience store, BP branded fuel station, Burger King Restaurant and Passenger Vehicle Car Wash. Completed all due diligence, financial analysis, and financing alternatives for road modifications. Transaction resulted in \$1 million annual revenue stream.
- Had direct oversight for all procurement contracts including professional service contracts, standard purchasing contracts, airport requirements contracts and citywide purchasing contracts. Annual contractual expenditures totaled \$75 million.
- Managed insurance/risk management program for Cleveland Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport. Developed and implemented risk management strategies and insurance programs for property, general liability and automobile, including placements, negotiations, coverage reviews, and claims management.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON – University Park Alliance, Akron, [REDACTED]**2009 to 2013**

University Park Alliance (UPA), is a non-profit start-up real estate development corporation dedicated to the revitalization of University Park, the 50-block urban neighborhood surrounding The University of Akron.

Director of Finance

- Developed annual financial budgets, monthly forecasts, and 5-year projections. Managed monthly close process, monthly payroll, monthly finance committee meetings, financial analysis and financial controls. Managed external auditors in order to complete annual financial audit and 990 report.
- Led financial analysis for 13-property acquisition. Completed all due diligence, financial analysis and physical inspection. Secured \$140K commercial loan, managed appraisal process, financial loan requirements and closing process. Transaction resulted in \$100K annual revenue stream.
- Re-engineered UPA's information systems including PC hardware/software upgrades, server installation and cloud back-up. Hardware/software upgrades significantly improved UPA's data security.

FIRSTENERGY CORPORATION, Akron, [REDACTED]**2006 to 2009****Senior Finance Manager – Energy Delivery**

Developed strategic business plans, financial budgets, financial analysis and benchmarking for transmission and distribution business units

- Completed spin-off valuation study of the Towanda-Waverly region of the Penelec Service Territory. Developed valuation models forecasting future purchased power requirements, future profitability on restructured service territory, pro-forma financials, reliability improvements (SAIDI), and asset allocation.
- Led the 2007 Energy Delivery 5-year, \$1.2B operating budget process. Streamlined process by creating input templates for data collection from regional offices, reconciled financial projections, managed SAP input deadlines.
- Led annual benchmarking study of electric utility companies using FERC Form 1 financial report. Calculated key metrics on reliability, cost management, safety and customer satisfaction.
- Completed \$250 million study for new vehicle lease versus buy. Developed mathematical models for key cost drivers, vehicle delivery, cash flow and depreciation. Reduced annual vehicle expenses by \$2 million.

AVANDEL HEALTHCARE Inc., Seattle, Washington**2000 to 2006**

Joined Avandel Inc. a venture capital-backed, early-stage eHealth company that provided Internet-based medical, financial and risk management solutions.

Director, Financial Planning and Analysis**Controller, Finance and Accounting**

- Completed \$8 million acquisition study. Completed pro-forma balance sheet and income statement, acquisition framework, revenue and expense analysis, valuation, strategy development, and synergy decomposition.
- Developed financial projections and presentation materials for investor presentations. Completed revenue projections and management discussion and analysis for Avandel Private Placement Memorandum Convertible Preferred Stock offering. Secured \$25 million in venture capital.
- Managed revenue and expense planning, financial reporting, monthly financial forecasting, payroll, capital budgeting and long-term planning. Managed a staff of 4 accounting/finance professionals.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, Redmond, Washington**1998 to 2000****Senior Pricing Analyst**

- Managed price waterfall model for software pricing to software resellers, retailers and educational institutions. Analyzed trends and competitive developments impacting the volume licensing business. Identified revenue growth opportunities from new/existing/proposed programs and initiatives.
- Developed business case analysis and financial modeling for new software programs, licensing & pricing models. Developed financial projections and presentation materials for SPAR senior management.

Recruited to SABRE, a \$2.9 billion division of AMR Corporation/American Airlines, a \$42 billion commercial airline. Managed airline sales accounts, financial planning, financial analysis, and strategic planning.

Senior Account Manager – Airline Sales and Marketing

- Provided technical and financial B2B sales consulting to airline partners and developed strategies to increase incremental revenue through electronic travel distribution products including Travelocity.com. Increased major accounts to \$400 million in annual revenue, (■■■■ Airways, Southwest Airlines).

Senior Marketing Analyst – Airline Sales and Marketing

- Prepared detailed business cases for new product revenue development, which included capital requirements, rates of return, NPV, IRR, ROI, competitive analysis, new product pricing models, valuation models and sensitivity analysis.
- Managed financial projections and monthly reporting metrics for *Travelocity.com*; an advertising-supported, fee-based travel product web-site.

Senior Financial Analyst / Financial Analyst

- Developed \$300 million annual revenue budget for the Subscriber Revenue line of business. Plan included development of financial projections for ancillary products, consultation with product managers, due-diligence and monthly reporting metrics.
- Completed acquisition analysis of Computer Reservation System (CRS) with market opportunity of 1,000 locations in 33 international countries. Transaction resulted in \$5 million annual revenue stream.

EDUCATION

**WEATHERHEAD SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY**

Master of Business Administration

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Major: Finance and Accounting

OTHER

Extensive experience with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access and Project, SAP, Hyperion including V-Lookup, H-Lookup, pivot tables, visual basic, excel spreadsheet macros, data tables, cross-tab queries, and formula-driven financial models.

Instructor of Finance, University of Texas



Date: 12/9/2024

To: City Council

From: Councilmember Petras

Subject: Tenants' rights and responsibilities ordinance

Purpose Statement:

To ensure that both tenants and landlords receive important information needed concerning their respective rights, obligations, and remedies and to promote fairness in the rental housing market, including access to safe, quality, accessible, and affordable housing; housing discrimination prevention; housing market stability; community integration, clear and fair rental or lease agreements; education, enforcement, and enhancement of renter rights; and eviction prevention.

Is this legislation recurring: Yes: _____ No: X

Is emergency language necessary: Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, why?

Is passage on first reading necessary: Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, why?

If funding is required, is it already budgeted for? Yes: N/a No: N/a

If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from?

Proposed: 12/09/2024

ORDINANCE NO. 244-2024(HB), *Fourth Reading (as amended 01/16/2025)*

By Councilmember Petras

An Ordinance enacting Section 1351.35 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, entitled "Tenants' rights and responsibilities."

WHEREAS, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 41.4 percent of occupied housing units in the City of Cleveland Heights are renter-occupied compared to 33.2 percent statewide and 35.2 percent nationally;

WHEREAS, the City seeks to ensure that both tenants and landlords receive important information needed concerning their respective rights, obligations, and remedies and to promote fairness in the rental housing market, including access to safe, quality, accessible, and affordable housing; housing discrimination prevention; housing market stability; community integration, clear and fair rental or lease agreements; education, enforcement, and enhancement of renter rights; and eviction prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Council hereby enacts Section 1351.35 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights, entitled "Tenants' rights and responsibilities," in the form set forth in Exhibit A, copies of which are attached hereto and which are incorporated herein by reference as if fully rewritten.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Ordinance on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 1351

Basic Standards for Residential Occupancy

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1351.35 TENANTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) Findings and Purpose. To ensure that both tenants and landlords receive important information needed concerning their respective rights, obligations, and remedies and to promote fairness in the rental housing market, including access to safe, quality, accessible, and affordable housing; housing discrimination prevention; housing market stability; community integration, clear and fair rental or lease agreements; education, enforcement, and enhancement of renter rights; and eviction prevention.

(b) Duties of the Building Commissioner.

(1) The Building Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable and on or before April 1, 2025, prepare or adopt a pamphlet containing a summary of applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations describing the respective rights, obligations, and remedies of tenants and landlords.

(2) The Building Commissioner shall make the information under subsection (b)(1) available to the public at no cost.

(3) The pamphlet prepared or adopted by the Building Commission under subsection (b)(1) shall contain purely factual information and nothing contained therein shall be construed as binding on or affecting any judicial determination of the rights and responsibilities of landlords or tenants nor as legal advice. The City is not liable for any misstatement or misinterpretation of the applicable laws and regulations.

(c) Duties of Owners, Operators, and Agents Leasing or Renting Dwelling Units.

(1) An owner, operator, or agent leasing or renting any dwelling units, dwelling structures, or any parts thereof shall provide a copy of the pamphlet described under subsection (b)(1) to any tenant or prospective tenant when a rental agreement is offered whether such agreement is for a new rental or lease agreement or a renewal of a rental or lease agreement. If the rental agreement is offered in paper form or another tangible medium, the pamphlet must be provided in the same form or medium.

(2) If there is an oral rental agreement, an owner, operator, or agent leasing or renting any dwelling units, dwelling structures, or any parts thereof shall provide the tenant copies of the pamphlet described in subsection (b)(1) either before entering into the oral agreement or within one month after entering into the oral agreement.

(3) An owner, operator, or agent leasing or renting any dwelling units, dwelling structures, or any parts thereof shall, as soon as practicable and on or before July 1,

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2025, provide a printed or electronic copy of the pamphlet described in subsection (b)(1) to existing tenants.

(d) Penalty. An owner, operator, or agent leasing or renting any dwelling units, dwelling structures, or any parts thereof who fails to comply with any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification). Each day such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Proposed: 01/21/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing February 2025 as *Black History Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is rich in its diversity of cultures and races; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cleveland Heights take great pride in the harmonious relationships that exist among and within the City's many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the importance of sharing the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of each of the City's various ethnic groups in order to foster and encourage harmony and understanding among these groups; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is recognized as *Black History Month* by communities throughout the United States in order to learn about and honor the accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans to the United States, and the accomplishments and contributions of members of the African diaspora throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The month of February 2025 is hereby designated *Black History Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights in recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of Black American citizens to this community and to our country, and the accomplishments and contributions of members of the African diaspora throughout the world. The City hereby reaffirms its commitment to maintain Cleveland Heights as a truly integrated community and to continue the tradition of appreciation and respect of our cultural diversity.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *Black History Month* in a timely fashion. Wherefore, provided it receives the

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2025(CRR)

affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor Seren

Proposed: 01/21/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Council Members

A Resolution proclaiming February 14, 2025 as *National Donor Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, since 1998 February 14 has been recognized as National Donor Day in order to raise awareness and education about the critical importance of organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood product donation; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 individuals are on the national organ transplant waiting list—and on average 17 people die per day while waiting for an organ transplant, with 6,000 people in the U.S. having died in 2021 while on the transplant list; and

WHEREAS, the need for blood products is no less critical, as one in seven people entering a hospital require a blood transfusion—approximately every two seconds, there is someone in need of a blood transfusion, which translates to the need of around 40,000 daily donations; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, nearly 20,400 donors brought new life to recipients and their families; and

WHEREAS, just one organ donor can save as many as eight lives, one tissue and eye donor can help restore the sight of two people; and

WHEREAS, Donate Life America encourages everybody who can to register to be a donor today and share the #DonateLife message.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims February 14, 2025 as *National Donor Day* and urges all of its residents to educate themselves on the gift of life and to encourage and support those affected within, and outside of, our community.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its content, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by publishing the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

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SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *National Donor Day* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor Seren

Proposed: 01/21/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Council Members

A Resolution proclaiming February, 2025 to be *American Heart Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is responsible for approximately one (1) in four (4) deaths in the United States and is the leading cause of death among both men and women; and

WHEREAS, the risk factors for cardiovascular disease include smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, family history and age; and

WHEREAS, the research is clear that there are tools available to increase survival rates of cardiovascular disease, with the American Heart Association encouraging citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, becoming trained in CPR, and supporting comprehensive automated external defibrillator (“AED”) programs in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association and numerous governmental entities are celebrating February 2025 as *American Heart Month* and encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; and

WHEREAS, this Council joins with these entities to encourage residents to raise their awareness about heart disease in order to make healthy lifestyle choices to reduce their own risk and to recognize the warning signs and be able to assist other persons suffering cardiovascular symptoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims February 2025 to be *American Heart Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights in order to promote education and awareness of cardiovascular disease with the goal of reducing cardiovascular deaths in this community and nationwide.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

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SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *American Heart Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor Seren

Proposed: 01/21/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Council Members

A Resolution recognizing February 1, 2025 as *National Freedom Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, thanks to the decades-long push of Richard R. Wright, a former slave and a significant leader in the African American community, *National Freedom Day* was created pursuant to a joint resolution approved June 30, 1948, in which Congress authorized the President to proclaim the first day of February each year as such; and

WHEREAS, *National Freedom Day* commemorates the abolition of slavery and President Abraham Lincoln's signing of a joint resolution in 1865 which established the Constitution's 13th Amendment abolishing slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth Amendment is a cornerstone in the foundation of our American traditions and is a landmark in the nation's effort to fulfill the principles of freedom and justice proclaimed in the first ten amendments to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, *National Freedom Day* is a time to reflect on the victories and accomplishments of African Americans throughout our country's history and to recognize their numerous valuable contributions to the protection of our democratic society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights wholeheartedly supports the Universal Declaration of Human Rights approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948, which declares that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims February 1, 2025 as *National Freedom Day* in the City of Cleveland Heights in order to recognize and celebrate the nation's efforts to fulfil the principles of freedom and justice.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, one in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2025(CRR)

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *National Freedom Day* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor Seren