



November 4, 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: 7:32 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

(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
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

13) 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. 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 an 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

(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.)

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

APPROVED: January 21, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council