



**December 2, 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: 8:30pm
- 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, Clerk Balester
- 3) Excuse absent members**
- 4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)**
- 5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**
- 6) Communications from the Mayor**
 - Sealed bids were received on November 22, 2024 for project #24-17 – City Wide Catch Basin Repair Project – Phase 2. Ronyak Paving, Inc. submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$490,208.00.
- 7) City Administrator's Report**
 - None
- 8) Departmental Report(s)**

- None

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

- None

10) 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).

11) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Brehon Pittman	Other	Spoke on behalf of Congresswoman Shontel Brown
Robin Koslen	Resident	Cleveland Peacemakers Grant

12) LEGISLATION

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

a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

ORDINANCE NO. 228-2024(PSH): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Lead Safe Ohio Grant Funds; 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. 229-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with American Builders and Applicators, LLC, a certified lead abatement contractor, for the use of Lead Safe Ohio (LSO) Grant funds in connection with the abatement of lead-based paint hazards at 1580 Oakwood Drive; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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NO VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 230-2024(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to repeal and replace 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

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NO VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with MTech, for the acquisition of a Camel Max Series Sewer Cleaning Combo Truck for the Sewer 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

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NO VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 232-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with R2O Consulting, LLC, for construction administration and resident observation services relating to the CH-36 & CH-37 SSO Control and North Park Blvd Sewer Replacement Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell

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. 233-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Ken Ganley Ford, Inc., for the purchase of five (5) 2025 Ford Utility Hybrid Police Interceptors for the Police Department; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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NO VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Hall Public Safety Upfitters for the purchase and installation of upfitting equipment for five (5) 2025 Ford Utility Hybrid Police Interceptors for the Police Department; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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NO VOTE

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution jointly adopting the Heights Regional Active Transportation Plan along with the Cities of South Euclid and University Heights.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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RESOLUTION NO. 236-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) program management services for the Cleveland Heights Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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RESOLUTION NO. 237-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) program management services for the Home Maintenance, Repair, and Accessibility Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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ORDINANCE NO. 238-2024(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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c. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 223-2024(PD): Second Reading. An Ordinance declaring the improvements to certain real property within the City to be a public purpose; describing the public improvements to be made to directly benefit such parcels; exempting such improvements from ad valorem real property taxation; requiring the owner of the improvements to make service payments in lieu of ad valorem real property taxes, and establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of the service payments in lieu of ad valorem property taxes, all pursuant to Sections 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 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: Gail Larson
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. 226-2024(COTW): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing an expanded scope of work for the grant to Heights Arts Collaborative, Inc. ("Heights Arts") through Ordinance No. 179-2023; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson
Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

LEGISLATION PASSED

13) Committee Reports

- **HB:** The Law Department has prepared draft legislation regarding tenant and landlords rights and responsibilities; it will be on the next council meetings agenda for next reading.
- **AS:** There is a vacancy on the city's CAC committee; must live in the Caledonia neighborhood. If you are interested, please apply on the city's website. The application is now open for the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board.
- **PD:** Update on the dog park and the most recent public hearing. Legislation to create the dog park is forthcoming, but likely not until the new year. She will be talking to the law director to discuss moving forward with the lifeguard legislation previously passed by Council.

14) Old Business

15) New Business

16) Council Member Comments

(Note: Council comments should directly relate to the business of the City of Cleveland Heights, rather than personal reflection or commentary. A maximum

3-minute time limit applies, but the Council President may reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda, the time of evening, or other similar factors.)

17) Council President's Report

- The budget process is ongoing and more discussions will continue later this week. Monday there will be a special Council meeting to discuss the budget more.

18) Adjournment

End: 8:52pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2024

APPROVED: February 3, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council