



December 9, 2024
Special 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: 8:50pm

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

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. September 16, 2024

APPROVED

b. October 7, 2024

APPROVED

6) Communications from the Mayor

None

7) 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).

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
CJ Nash	Resident	2025 Budget
Karen Lash	Resident	2025 Budget

8) **Public Comment - General**

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None

9) **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. 239-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Spectrum to provide internet to the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: 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. 240-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement or amendment thereto with All City Management Services, Inc. for crossing guard services through December 31, 2025; 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

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 241-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with OHM Advisors for the preparation of a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 242-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with SCG Fields, LLC (“SCG”) through The Interlocal Purchasing System (“TIPS”) for the design, provision, installation, and related construction services for the public improvement of a new synthetic turf soccer field at Denison Park; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 243-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Farnham Equipment Company through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the provision, installation of, and related construction services for, the public improvement of new seating for Cain Park’s Alma and Evans Amphitheaters; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 244-2024(HB): First Reading. An Ordinance enacting Section 1351.35 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, entitled “Tenants’ Rights and Responsibilities.”

Introduced by Councilmember Petras

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 245-2024(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of Cleveland Heights to rezone the Park Synagogue property located at 3300 Mayfield Road to S-2 Mixed-Use District, and transmitting the same to the Planning Commission.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 229-2024(PD): Second 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

NO VOTE; WILL HAVE THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 230-2024(F): Second 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

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: Jim Posch

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2024(MSES): Second 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

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. 233-2024(MSES): Second 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

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. 234-2024(MSES): Second 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

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. 235-2024(PD): Second 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

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. 236-2024(PD): Second 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

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. 237-2024(PD): Second 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

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. 238-2024(F): Second 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

NO VOTE; WILL HAVE THIRD READING

10) Committee Reports

HB: The next meeting is Tuesday, December 10th at 5 pm.

MSES: She will be meeting with Director Clinkscale and Coordinator Boateng to discuss business recycling.

F: Next meeting will be scheduled in January

PD: The next PD committee meeting will be on December 12 at 10:30 a.m. There will also be meetings on January 16 and 22.

11) Old Business

12) New Business

Posch: Notifying the council that he would like to introduce legislation regarding the Council hiring an accounting firm for Council advisory work.

- Some Councilmembers expressed interest in legislation to hire an accounting firm, but would like to talk more about it at the next meeting.

He would also like to recommend legislation to raise the Mayor's salary starting Jan 1, 2026.

- President Cuda asked if this was a time sensitive issue; Law Director said there was no need to pass legislation prior to 2025 in order for a raise to go into effect Jan 1, 2026.

13) Council Member Comments

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

Larson: Councilmembers have an obligation to be civil to each other and to respect each other's decisions; she hopes councilmembers can agree to disagree in a respectful manner.

14) Council President's Report

- Oversight and checks and balances are important roles for Council though it isn't always comfortable. He thinks this year was very rough and there is a lot Council doesn't know. He feels that Council should like at this situation as an opportunity to create a better budget in the first part of next year, and then to create a better process for next year.

15) Adjournment

End: 9:42 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: DECEMBER 16, 2024

APPROVED: February 3, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council