



**March 17, 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) Student Update on CHUH School District Activities**
- 6) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**
 - a. December 16, 2024
 - b. January 6, 2025
 - c. January 21, 2025
- 7) Communications from the Mayor**
- 8) City Administrator's Report**
- 9) Departmental Report(s)**
- 10) Report of the Clerk of Council**
- 11) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only**

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- 12) Public Comment - General**

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13) **LEGISLATION**

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a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Markietta Stevenson as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb
Move for Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 040-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Darius Smith, Arin Miller-Tait and Tae'Lor Windham as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb
Move for Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 041-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for grants under Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and to accept funding if awarded; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren
Move for Adoption

b. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 037-2025(COTW): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing Cleveland Heights City Council to establish a high school internship program.

Introduced by President Cuda
Move for Adoption

c. Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 245-2024(PD): Third 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
Move for Adoption

d. Fourth Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2025(F): Fourth Reading As Amended 02.18.2025. An Ordinance making 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; repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 265-2024; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren
Move for Adoption

e. Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 042-2025(HB): First Reading. A Resolution joining with HUD and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April 2025 as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to fair housing; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

RESOLUTION NO. 043-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming April 6-12, 2025 to be *National Library Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members

RESOLUTION NO. 044-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming April 2025 to be *National Poetry Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

RESOLUTION NO. 045-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing April 2025 as *Earth Month*; and declaring the necessity that this

legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

RESOLUTION NO. 046-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming April 2025 to be *National Autism Acceptance Month* and April 2, 2025 to be *World Autism Awareness Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

RESOLUTION NO. 047-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming April 21-25, 2025 to be *National Community Development Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Move to Suspend Rules
Move for Adoption

14) Committee Reports

15) Old Business

16) New Business

17) Council Member Comments

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18) Council President's Report

19) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: APRIL 7, 2025



December 16, 2024
Regular Meeting
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MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 7:39 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, 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

Motion to authorize bid #24-20: 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

- Sealed bids were received on November 26, 2024 for project #24-13 – Sanitary Sewer Pipe Repair Project – Phase 2. United Survey, Inc. (USI) submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,275,180.50.

- Sealed bids were received on December 3, 2024 for project #24-19 – East Fairfax Water main Replacement Project. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,382,969.00.
 - Sealed bids were received on December 12, 2024 for project #24-18 – Coventry Garage Rehabilitation Project . Murphy Contracting submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$503,400 for the base bid and items selected.
 - Sealed bids were received on December 12, 2024 for project #24-16 - Cain Park Stramp Project “AKA Cain Park ADA Access Trail and Seating Improvements”. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,292,001.50.
- Invites Council to attend a Planning Work Session on Thursday

7) City Administrator's Report

8) Departmental Report(s)

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

10) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Mike Reilly	Resident	Budget
Barbara Sosnowski	Resident	Budget and the state of the City
Elizabeth Zak	Resident	Tenants rights and responsibilities legislation
Amy Eugene	Resident	Budget
Len Friedson	Resident	Budget
Laurel Freeder	Resident	Budget and Noble ARPA funds

11) Public Comment - General

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2 to 2 minutes. The Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based
3 on the volume of business on the agenda).

4 **Speakers**

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Karin Lash	Resident	Comments on the COTW meeting from tonight
Carla Rautenberg	Resident	POS Inspections
Juanita Brent	Other	Property Tax Relief and Antisemitism from the State House
CJ Nash	Resident	Staff turnover

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7 **12) LEGISLATION**

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13 *Environmental Sustainability; (PD)-Planning and Development; (PSH)-Public*
14 *Safety and Health. See Resolution 97-2022 for a list of Council Committee*
15 *subject matter areas.*

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18 **a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested**

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20 **RESOLUTION NO. 246-2024(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing
21 Chris Brace as a member of the Transportation and Mobility Committee of the
22 City of Cleveland Heights, OH; to complete a vacated unexpired term; and
23 declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as
24 an emergency measure.

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26 Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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

28 **Seconded:** Gail Larson

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

32 **No:** None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 247-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Austin Cummings as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending 2026; setting the unexpired term of office ending 2026 to end December 31, 2026; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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. 248-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Leora Porter as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending 2027; setting the unexpired term of office ending 2027 to end December 31, 2027; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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. 249-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Stacy Hackel Snow as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending 2025; setting the unexpired term of office ending 2025 to end December 31, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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. 250-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Markietta Stevenson as the alternate member of the Fair Practices Board for a term ending on December 31, 2028; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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. 251-2024(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Dell Technologies to purchase computer equipment through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Jim Petras

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. 252-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Brown and Caldwell for construction administration services relating the Project No. 24-08, Sanitary Sewer Repair Project – Phase I and Project No. 24-13, Sanitary Sewer Repair Project – Phase II; 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. 253-2024(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 Project 24-12, CH-30 SSO Control, 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. 254-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GPD Group., for construction management services relating to Project No. 24-19, the East Fairfax 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

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GPD Group., for construction administration and inspection services relating to Project No. 24-16, the Cain Park Stramp Project (Cain Park Access and Seating Improvement); 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. 256-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Classic Ford of Madison to purchase a 2024 Ford Transit Cargo Van through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; 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: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 257-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Classic Ford of Madison for the purchase of one 2025 Ford Escape Hybrid and one 2024 Transit Cargo Van through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program and the trade-in of a 2023 Ford Explorer; 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: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 258-2024(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution to

suspend enforcement of Section 351.09 of Part Three (Traffic Code) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights for the period ending December 31, 2025, or at such earlier time as Council may subsequently prescribe, on specified streets; providing for on-street overnight permit parking on specified portions of Kensington, Hillcrest, Belmar, Glenmont and Eddington Roads; 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. 259-2024(HB): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Chapter 1311, Administration, Fees and Penalty; of Title Three, Local Provisions; of Part Thirteen, Building Code of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to revise and add certain fees for procedures and services pertaining to the administration and enforcement of the Building & Permitting Division, 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. 260-2024(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution substituting the scope of work for the grant to Reaching Heights, Inc. ("Reaching Heights") originally authorized through Ordinance No. 179-2023; authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Posch

NO VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing

the renewal of the City's property, vehicle, law enforcement, general, employment practices, and public official liability coverage for the City and its employees with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the calendar year 2025; 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. 265-2024(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 March 31, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

NO VOTE.

ORDINANCE NO. 266-2024(CRR): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a design-build contract with The AKA Team, Inc. 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

b. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 241-2024(CRR): Second Reading (Amended 12.16.2024). 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

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. 242-2024(CRR): Second 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

Motion to adopt: Jim Petras

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. 243-2024(CRR): Second 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

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

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

Introduced by Councilmember Petras

NO VOTE.

c. Third Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 229-2024(PD): Third Reading (Amended 12.16.2024). 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 Permanent Parcel Number 683-11-079; 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: Davida Russell

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): Third 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

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Discussion: Several Councilmembers expressed their concern regarding unanswered questions about the budget. Most expressed continued interest in having the administration put together a temporary budget instead of passing a full year budget based on incomplete information. There was frustration over the lack of collaboration between the administration and city council. Councilmember Mattox expressed his concern that his colleagues are fine with bringing a level of uncertainty to the city and its staff and questioned their definition of collaboration, and that collaboration is not

1 compliance. Members of council expressed their understanding that the
2 turnover in the finance department over the last year have created
3 challenges. However, Councilmember Petras is concerned with the deficit
4 spending that is projected, which would likely be more than what is shown in
5 this legislation. The Mayor expressed his opinion about the need for stability
6 going into 2025 and that passing a temporary budget instead of a fiscal year
7 budget would create instability. He recognizes that some councilmembers
8 have taken offense to his characterizing their reluctance to pass this
9 legislation as coming from a place of fear or ignorance; he did not mean this
10 is an insult, so apologized for any offense that caused. He feels that many of
11 the questions council has submitted have already been answered; and more
12 could have been answered if the presence of directors at these meetings had
13 been utilized more. He still feels optimistic and has faith as a team that
14 Council can come to the understanding necessary to pass a full year budget.
15 He will continue to work through the questions and answer as many as he
16 can.

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18 **Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

19 **No:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim
20 Posch

21 **LEGISLATION FAILED**
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23 **d. Consent Agenda**
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25 **Motion to suspend rules:** Gail Larson

26 **Seconded:** Craig Cobb
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28 **Yes:** Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida
29 Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

30 **No:** None

31 **MOTION PASSED**
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33 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

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

38 **No:** None

39 **LEGISLATION PASSED**
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41 **RESOLUTION NO. 262-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution
42 supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial
43 (AMERICA250-OH).
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45 Introduced by Mayor Seren

46 **Legislation passed on consent agenda**

RESOLUTION NO. 263-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming January 11, 2025 as *National Human Trafficking Awareness 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. 264-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming January 2025 as *National Poverty in America Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

Legislation passed on consent agenda

13) Committee Reports

14) Old Business

- **Posch:** Wants to scheduled a special meeting to discuss ORD 265-2024 (temporary budget); Petras supports this idea. After some discussion, it was decided it would be a special COTW meeting at 5pm Wednesday. This will be followed by a special meeting on Thursday to vote on some legislation
- **Posch:** Updated Council regarding potential accounting firms that Council may want to hire. He is inclined to recommend the local firm, Ciuni & Panici to come in to speak with Council.

- **Motion to direct the Law Department to put together legislation to hire an accounting firm:** Jim Posch

Second: Gail Larson

Roll Call:

Posch: Yes
Petras: Yes
Russell: Yes
Mattox: No
Larson: Yes
Cuda: Yes
Cobb: Yes

MOTION PASSED

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2 **15) New Business**
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4 **16) Council Member Comments**

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9 factors.)

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 - **Mattox:** Gave some context to him turning his chair to somebody who made
11 a public comment tonight. He is forced to deal with, and hear things, and put
12 up with things other members of this Council don't. He will not take the type
13 of disrespect of others who can't see past his color or his views.
 - **Posch:** He believes Mattox completely mischaracterized the public comment
14 made tonight that he referenced in his Council Member Comment.
 - **Russell:** Thanked the Parks and Recs Department for the holiday
15 lights/cheer around City Hall and the Community Center. Also, she wants
16 the residents to know that she works a day job, so any meetings that take
17 place between 9 am-10:30 am and 1 pm-5:30 pm she cannot attend.
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21 **17) Council President's Report**

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 - The vast majority of council has spoken very clearly on the budget, but that
23 doesn't mean they don't appreciate how the Mayor and staff have navigated
24 a difficult situation. He believes that neither Council OR the Mayor should
25 catastrophize the situation. It seems the door does not swing both ways.
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27 **18) Adjournment**

28 End: 9:43 pm
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30 **NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JANUARY 6, 2025**



January 6, 2025
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

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2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused:

Also present: Mayor Seren, Director Hanna, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

None

4) Oath of Office Administered to Elected Councilmember

Jim Posch

- President announced Councilmember Posch has already been sworn in by the Director of Law.

5) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

None

6) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

None

7) Communications from the Mayor

- The Mayor extended his condolences to the family of Edith Moore who was recently shot and killed. He wants the people of Cleveland Heights to know that he will do everything he can to get justice for Ms. Moore and her family. He expressed his frustration with the amount of gun violence in our country, and more specifically in Cleveland Heights. He thanked our police officers for doing what they are able to to get these guns off the street.

- Thanked Council for their consideration of Mr. Horrigan for the City Administrator position, which they will be voting on later tonight.
- Gave some background on Rodney G. Hairston, his nominee for Finance Director

8) City Administrator's Report

None

9) Departmental Report(s)

None

10) Report of the Clerk of Council

- Notified Council that an application has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new C1/C2 permit for Nobil Amir LLC dba Noble Gas USA.

11) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

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Melody Joy Hart	Resident	2025 Budget

12) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
James O'Hare	Resident	ADU Designs and most recent CAFR
James Williams	Resident	General comment

13) LEGISLATION

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a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the County of Cuyahoga to perform certain services to help maintain the City's sanitary and storm sewers; 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. 002-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Graig Kluge as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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. 003-2025(AS): First Reading As Amended

(01.06.2025). A Resolution reappointing David Benson (Canterbury), Laura Black (Coventry), Susan Efroymsen (Millikin), Jonathan Goldman (Taylor), Patti Substelny (Roxboro), Elizabeth Vanderleest (Oxford), Leslie Jones (Noble), Darlene White (Boulevard), Cindie Carroll-Pankhurst, Anthony Porembski, Allosious Snodgrass, Lisa Gilbert, Justin Alcorn, Sue Dean Dyke, and Angela Bennett as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation

1 become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

2 Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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

4 **Seconded:** Craig Cobb

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

8 **No:** None

9 **LEGISLATION PASSED**

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11 **RESOLUTION NO. 004-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution
12 reappointing Doreen Kelleher, Joquine Martin, David Krauss, Kathleen
13 Benghiat, Bonnie Paul, and Alphredia Lacey as members of the Commission
14 on Aging of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity
15 that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

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17 Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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

19 **Seconded:** Gail Larson

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

23 **No:** None

24 **LEGISLATION PASSED**

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26 **RESOLUTION NO. 005-2024(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution
27 reappointing Lenora Cruz Price, Michael Payne, Peggy Spaeth, Peter Titas,
28 Deby Auerbach Brown, Alex Pesta, Thomas Hodkiss, Adam Dew, and John
29 Talley as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of
30 Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation
31 become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

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33 Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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

35 **Seconded:** Craig Cobb

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

39 **No:** None

40 **LEGISLATION PASSED**

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42 **RESOLUTION NO. 006-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution
43 reappointing Margaret Lann as a member of the Landmark Commission of the

City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Horrigan as City Administrator for 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: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 008-2025(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to repeal and replace certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 265-2024, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the period of January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025; repeal the prior version of Ordinance No. 265-2024; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Petras

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

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. 009-2025(AS): First 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

READ INTO THE RECORD

CONFIRMATION HEARING TO BE SET

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2025(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance introducing amendments to various Sections of Part Eleven, Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to update the City's regulations regarding enclosed private parking garage regulations, driveway widths, accessory parking, fences, frontages and yards, sidewalks/shared-use paths, landscaping requirements, non-conformities, yard requirements in residential districts, PRD District, zoning complaints, role of the Zoning Administrator, inclusive language, and general changes to ensure consistency within the Zoning Code, and transmitting the same to the Planning Commission.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2025(F): First Reading. An Ordinance making 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; repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 265-2024; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

14) Committee Reports

- **CRR:** Will be having various work sessions regarding various topics throughout the year. The 2025 work sessions will focus on financial literacy, small and minority-owned business support, youth impact and engagement projects, the community center programs enhancement project, and the neighborhood transformation program. He is also working with the Mayor regarding bringing back youth ambassadors and park rangers.
- **HB:** There will be two Housing and Building meetings in January, one on January 14th at 5 pm and January 28th at 5 pm.
- **F:** The next Finance Committee meeting will be on January 14th at 6 pm.
- **MSES:** The next Municipal Services meeting will be on January 27th at 6

1 pm.

- 2 • **PD:** There will be two Planning and Development Committee meetings in
3 January, one on January 16th at 10:30 am which will be a roundtable
4 discussion for Noble Road Corridor business owners, the second will be
5 on January 22nd at 10:30 am which will be a roundtable for developers.
6 • **PSH:** There will be two public hearings, one on traffic safety, and another
7 on deer management; those dates are TBD. He is also going to be
8 speaking with the Police Chief regarding a needs assessment for a mini-
9 station in the Noble neighborhood.

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11 **15) Old Business**

12 None

13 **16) New Business**

- 14 • President Cuda would like to set up some sort of schedule/program for
15 residents to meet with council members one-on-one. Would like to discuss
16 this with his fellow council members more in the future.

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18 **17) Council Member Comments**

19 **(Note:** Council comments should directly relate to the business of the City of
20 Cleveland Heights, rather than personal reflection or commentary. A maximum
21 3-minute time limit applies, but the Council President may reduce time limit based
22 on the volume of business on the agenda, the time of evening, or other similar
23 factors.)

- 24 • **Mattox:** Wished everybody a happy new year and extended his
25 condolences to the Moore family; the entire Noble neighborhood is
26 grieving. Thanked God for everybody who has reached out and lifted up
27 his family. He also gave a brief list of goals he has for 2025.
28 • **Russell:** Also gave her condolences to the Moore family. She was we
29 have to do better and need to put the guns away. On a happier note, she
30 gave thanks to Sharrod Brown, Shontel Brown, and Joyce Beatty for
31 helping to pass the legislation social security offset windfall legislation.
32 Thanked her fellow council members for their support in helping to pass a
33 resolution for support here in Cleveland Heights.

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35 **18) Council President's Report**

- 36 • Shared his New Year's aspirations; he would like to have more meetings
37 like tonight's and less like the one on December 19th.

1 **19) Adjournment**

2 End: 8:32 pm

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4 **NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JANUARY 21, 2025**

DRAFT



January 21, 2025
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: 7:40 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, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

None

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. October 21, 2024

APPROVED

b. November 4, 2024

APPROVED

c. November 18, 2024

APPROVED

6) MPACT Presentation

Ryan Porter

Gave an update to the progress with MPACT's plan for the Severance Center project and overview of an upcoming Action Plan document that he will provide to Council, the Administration, and the residents.

7) Communications from the Mayor

- Announced that there was an arrest made in the murder of Edith Moore.
- Took a moment to reflect on the legacy of MLK Jr.

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).

None

12) Public Comment - General

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

Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
James Williams	Resident	General comment

13) LEGISLATION

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1 **a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested**
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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 012-2025(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution
4 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Frank Novak & Sons,
5 Inc. to furnish the labor, material, and equipment necessary for sandblasting,
6 painting, and related services for the purpose of repairing the Cumberland
7 pool; repealing Resolution No. 219-2024 in its entirety; and declaring the
8 necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency
9 measure.

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11 Introduced by Mayor Seren

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

13 **Seconded:** Gail Larson

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

17 **No:** None
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LEGISLATION PASSED

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

25
26 Introduced by Mayor Seren

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
33

LEGISLATION PASSED

34 **c. Fourth Reading**
35

36 **ORDINANCE NO. 244-2025(Fourth Reading (Amended 01.16.2025))** An
37 Ordinance enacting Section 1351.35 of the Codified Ordinances of
38 Cleveland Heights, Ohio, entitled "Tenants' Rights and

Responsibilities.”

Introduced by Councilmember Petras

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

d. Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend rules: 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: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

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

Passed on consent agenda

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

Passed on consent agenda

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

Passed on consent agenda

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

Passed on consent agenda

14) Committee Reports

- **PSH:** Public Safety and Health Committee will meet January 28th at 6 pm.
- **F:** Finance Committee will meet January 22 at 12:30 pm.
- **MSES:** Municipal Services will meet January 27th at 6 pm
- **HB:** There will be Housing and Building Committee meetings on January 28th at 5pm, and February 11 at 5pm
- **AS:** The next Admin Services meeting will be on January 27th at 4pm
- **PD:** Update from meeting on January 16th with the Noble Business owners; will have a meeting January 22nd at 10:30am and another meeting at February 4th at 10:30am

15) Old Business

16) New Business

- Will be meeting with Superintendent Kirby to talk about potentially having some students come in to Council meetings to give updates on what is happening in the schools

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.)

- **Cobb:** Vacancies on boards/commissions; 3 vacancies on CAC (one for the Caledonia neighborhood, one for Fairfax neighborhood, and one at large); 2 vacancies on the Commission on Aging; 9-18 vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board; 1 vacancy on the Transportation and Mobility Committee.
- **Mattox:** Reflected on MLK Day and the inauguration of President Trump and the impact that will have. He reminded residents to stay educated and focused on the decisions that are being made that will have an effect on our community and our country and not to lose hope.
- **Russell:** Reflected on MLK and what he stood for. When we talk about racism, we have to be able to say we will not stand for it anywhere, ever.

18) Council President's Report

- Spoke briefly about the piece of legislation at the December 19th meeting regarding transfers out. It bothered him that there was pressure on the council to vote on something without answers to questions.
- Spoke about MLK Day and how MLK appealed to our collective conscious and how mesmerized he was when he heard him speak. We are very lucky to live in a community where all are welcome. We must thank MLK every MLK Day for making this country and Cleveland Heights a better place.

19) Adjournment

End: 8:50pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025(AS), *First Reading*

By Councilmember Cobb

A Resolution appointing Markietta Stevenson as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 27-1976 on April 5, 1976, enacting Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. Chapter 749, entitled "Housing Delivery System," and creating the Cleveland Heights Housing Board consisting of three members who are residents of the City appointed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, under Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. 749.05, of the members first appointed to the Housing Board, one was to hold office for a term of one year, one was to hold office for a term of two years, and the third was to hold office for a term of three years; and their successors were to be appointed for terms of three years, except where the appointment was to complete an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 16-1983 on February 7, 1983, amending Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. Chapter 749 to provide the Cleveland Heights Housing Board with additional powers and to rename the Board the Fair Housing Board; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 204-2013 on December 16, 2013, amending Cleveland Heights Cod. Ord. Chapter 749 to expand the role and jurisdiction of the Fair Housing Board to hear and investigate complaints concerning discrimination in places of public accommodation in addition to the housing context, to rename the Chapter "Fair Practices," and to rename the Board the Fair Practices Board; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 123-2014 on November 3, 2014, amending Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. Chapter 749 to expand the role and jurisdiction of the Board to hear complaints concerning discrimination in the employment and education context and to create a Complaint Officer to conduct preliminary investigations of complaints; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. 749.04, as currently enacted, establishes a Fair Practice Board with three members and one alternate member who are residents of the City appointed by City Council, and grants City Council the authority to fill all vacancies by appointment for the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, Stacy Hackel Snow resigned from the Fair Practices Board effective

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025(AS)

immediately on February 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Markietta Stevenson currently serves as the alternate member of the Fair Practices Board.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby appoints Markietta Stevenson as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 being the need for the Fair Practices Board to have sufficient membership for a quorum for the purpose of conducting the Board's business and to timely hear pending complaints of discriminatory practices. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five 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

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025(AS)

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 040-2025(AS), *First Reading*

By Councilmember Cobb

A Resolution appointing Darius Smith, Arin Miller-Tait and Tae'Lor Windham as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Citizens Advisory Committee is made up of 22 members with a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary; ten (10) seats are reserved for representatives of the City's 10 historic elementary school boundaries; an additional twelve (12) seats are open to residents from all parts of the community and are appointed by City Council annually.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby appoints Darius Smith, Arin Miller-Tait and Tae'Lor Windham as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 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 the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need for the uninterrupted operation of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the City. 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. 040-2025(AS)

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor



Memorandum

Date: 3/13/25

To: Law Department

From: Andy Boateng

Subject: Urban Forestry Grant 2025

Purpose Statement:

To authorize the Mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' USDA Forest Service Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program for a grant under the program, and to accept funding if awarded.

Is this legislation recurring: Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Is emergency language necessary: Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If yes, why?

Emergency language is required to meet the grant application deadline of April 1, 2025.

Is passage on first reading necessary: Yes: ☒ No: ☐

If yes, why?

Passage on first meeting will be required to meet grant application deadline of April 1, 2025.

If funding is required, is it already budgeted for? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

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

There are no matching funds required from the City for this application.

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 041-2025(MSES), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for grants under Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and to accept funding if awarded; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, is accepting proposals from local governments for projects intended to substantially invest in the long-term growth and development of local urban and community forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the City has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the City's best interest to pursue funding that will support the maintenance, expansion, and improvement of these green resources, and;

WHEREAS, there is funding available for such purpose under the Inflation Reduction Act.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to apply for grants under Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, and enter into an agreement and execute any related documents to accept funding if awarded.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 meet the application deadline of April 1, 2025. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this

RESOLUTION NO. 041-2025(MSES)

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



Date: 02/27/2025

To: City Council

From: Tony Cuda, President of Council

Subject: Council Internship Program

Purpose Statement: To authorize the establishment of a Council internship program for Cleveland Heights City Council.

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: _____ No: X

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

TBD

Proposed: 03/03/2025

RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2025(COTW),
Second Reading

By President Cuda

A Resolution authorizing Cleveland Heights City Council to establish a high school internship program.

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights City Council recognizes the value of providing high school students with opportunities to gain practical experience in local government and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, an internship program would provide students with exposure to municipal government operations, foster leadership skills, and encourage civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, City Council seeks to support workforce development by offering meaningful learning experiences to high school students; and

WHEREAS, City Council members have expressed an interest in partnering with our schools to promote their mission statement and support our young citizen's engagement in civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, our City has already used paid internship programs to engage, educate, and ready our young people for the world they are about to enter;

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

SECTION 1. A City Council internship program shall be and hereby is established. Any high school student residing in Cleveland Heights who is over the age of fifteen (15) may apply for an internship.

SECTION 2. Each City Council member may hire one (1) intern as provided herein. Duties of interns shall be established by participating members and may include shadowing Council members, taking notes, assisting with social media, and other relevant tasks.

SECTION 3. Interns shall work between 5-10 hours per month and shall be compensated at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, minus applicable taxes and withholding. City Council interns shall not be eligible for City employment benefits. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to appropriate funds to meet the compensation requirements established for this program. The program shall comply with all federal, state, and local employment regulations regarding youth labor.

SECTION 4. City Council shall oversee the implementation of the program, including the development of guidelines for intern selection, roles, and responsibilities; provided, however, that no Council member may utilize the services of an intern for campaign or other political purposes.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. 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 Ordinance on the City's website.

SECTION 7. This Resolution 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



Date: December 9, 2024; **updated March 17, 2025**

To: City Council

From: Eric Zamft, Director of Planning, Neighborhoods & Development

Subject: Ordinance No. 245-2024: 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

Purpose Statement:

Local ordinances, particularly zoning, are “living and breathing” documents that can be amended from time-to-time in order to keep up with changes in the social and economic environments. The City’s Zoning Code is central to development, redevelopment, and investment within the City.

The Park Synagogue property is located at 3300 Mayfield Road (the “Property”) is currently split between the A Single-Family and MF-1 Multiple-Family Zoning Districts. The current owners of the Property, Sustainable Community Associates (the “Applicant”) is proposing a multi-phased renovation, restoration, and redevelopment of the Property (the “Project”). In order to accomplish the Project, the existing zoning on the Property would need to be changed via a Zoning Map Change. On November 25, 2024 the Applicant submitted a petition for a Zoning Map Change to rezone the Property to the S-2 Mixed-Use Zoning District.

The Applicant stated in their application that “[t]he proposed amendment will help the City of Cleveland Heights achieve some of the core goals outlined in the 2017 Master Plan, including developing vibrant neighborhoods with infill housing on the site, creating a complete transportation network with public access trails, and creating a safe and engaged community for the Boulevard Neighborhood by revitalizing the underutilized property. Additionally, this amendment will help preserve the Park Synagogue as a local historic landmark by repositioning the building as a hub for arts and culture with the proposed use of an arts community center, creating a more diverse and open community for future generations.”

Chapter 1119 of the Zoning Code provides the regulations and process for Zoning Map Changes. What follows is an updated summary of the process.

- Introduction of amending ordinance to Council (Sections 1119.01 and 1119.02) – **completed on December 9, 2024**
- Referral to Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation. The Commission shall be allowed a reasonable time, not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days for its consideration and recommendations (Section 1119.03) – **completed on December 9, 2024**
- Planning Commission consideration of ordinance and development of design guidelines (Section 1119.04) – **completed on January 8, 2025; Commission voted to recommend the change**
- [Not required by Code] Referral, review, and recommendation by Committee – **completed on January 16, 2025; Committee voted to recommend the change**
- Notice to property owners for zoning map change by Clerk of Council (Section 1119.06)
- Public hearing by Council, including appropriate noticing (Section 1119.05) – **completed on March 3, 2025**
- Action by Council. After the public hearing Council shall either adopt or deny the recommendation of the Planning Commission (Section 1119.07) – **subject of this agenda item**

A project webpage was created: <https://www.clevelandheights.gov/1768/Park-Synagogue-Development> and subsequent to the public hearing, notification of the potential action by Council was included in the City's weekly News.

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 245-2024.

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: NA No: NA

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

Proposed: 12/09/2024

ORDINANCE NO. 245-2024(PD), *Third Reading*

By Mayor Seren

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.

WHEREAS, the Park Synagogue property is located at 3300 Mayfield Road, comprised of Permanent Parcel Numbers (“PPNs”) 684-34-014, 684-34-015, and 684-35-025 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property is approximately 28 acres and currently split between the A Single-Family and MF-1 Multiple-Family Zoning Districts; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of the Property, Sustainable Community Associates (the “Applicant”) is proposing a multi-phased renovation, restoration, and redevelopment of the Property (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the Project, the existing zoning on the Property would need to be changed via a Zoning Map Change; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1119.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, amendments to the official Zoning Map of the City of Cleveland Heights may be requested via petition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1119.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, after the introduction of such amending Ordinance by Council, such amending Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Planning Commission for its consideration and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1119.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights the Planning Commission shall be allowed a reasonable time, not less than thirty (30) days and nor more than sixty (60) days, for its consideration and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2024 the Applicant submitted a petition for a Zoning Map Change to rezone the Property to the S-2 Mixed-Use Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1119.02(g) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, such Zoning Map change is consistent with the adopted 2017 City of Cleveland Heights Master Plan; the Applicant stated in its application that “[t]he proposed amendment will help the City of Cleveland Heights achieve some of the core

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goals outlined in the 2017 Master Plan, including developing vibrant neighborhoods with infill housing on the site, creating a complete transportation network with public access trails, and creating a safe and engaged community for the Boulevard Neighborhood by revitalizing the underutilized property. Additionally, this amendment will help preserve the Park Synagogue as a local historic landmark by repositioning the building as a hub for arts and culture with the proposed use of an arts community center, creating a more diverse and open community for future generations.”; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant preliminarily and conceptually presented the Project, including the need for a Zoning Map Change at the October 29, 2024 and November 13, 2024 Planning Commission meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 1119.01 of the Codified Ordinances, this Council accepts a petition by the Applicant for amendments to the official Zoning Map of the City of Cleveland Heights, as set forth in Exhibit A and B attached hereto.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 1119.03 of the Codified Ordinances, this proposed amending Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Planning Commission.

SECTION 3. Notice of 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 to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. 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

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PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor



Park Synagogue

Exhibit A

City Council – Zoning Map Amendment

Application Letter - 11/25/2024

Applicant

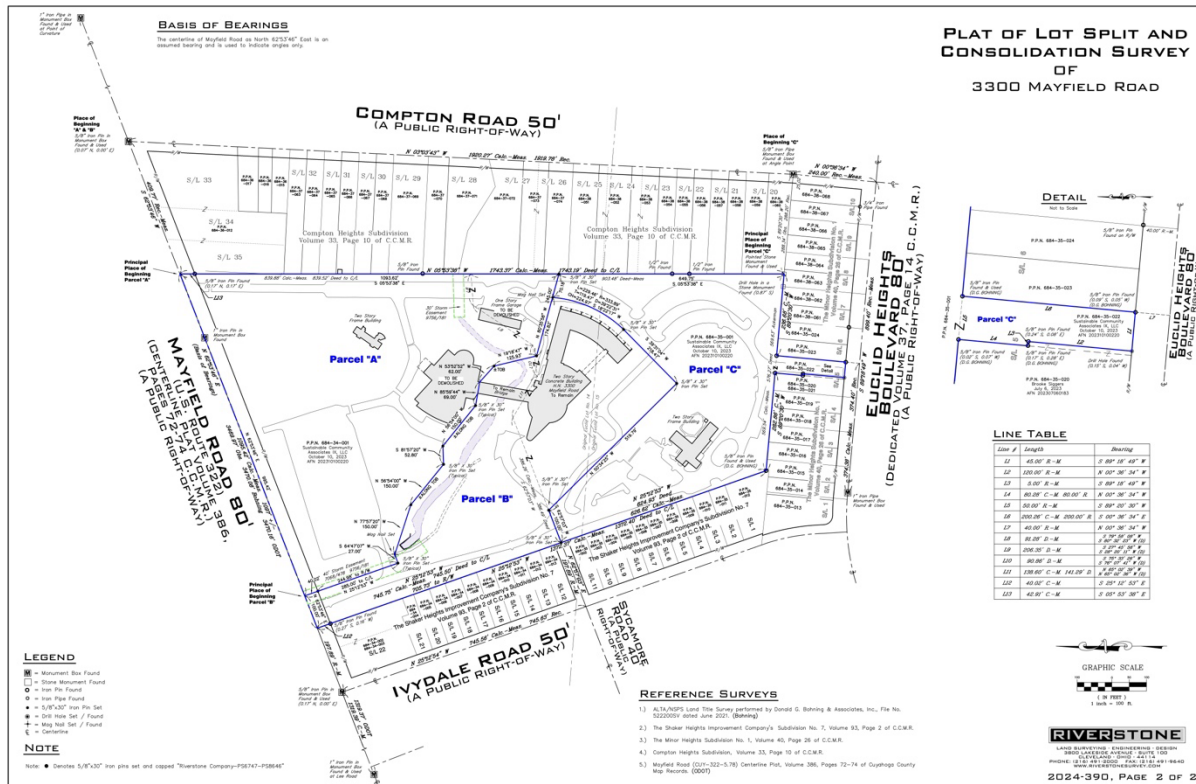
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Proposed Amending Ordinance

The owners of the Park Synagogue site at 3300 Mayfield Road formally request that the Cleveland Heights City Council amend the Zoning Map from "A Single-Family" to "S2 Mixed Use". This Zoning Map change will allow for future development around the historic synagogue, which is about to undergo a significant restoration. The 28-acre site consists of three separate parcels: the north parcel "A" along Mayfield Road, the mid-parcel "B" surrounding the historic synagogue, and the south parcel "C" with access to Euclid Heights Boulevard. Sustainable Community Associates currently owns all three parcels, effective 10/4/2023, with a Lot Split and Consolidation recorded on 11/12/2024 with Cuyahoga County.



Project Description

The iconic Park Synagogue is about to undergo a significant restoration to preserve Erich Mendelsohn's 1950 architectural masterpiece while adapting it as a community arts center. The wedge-shaped building is dominated by a 100-foot-wide, 65-foot-tall hemispherical dome atop the Temple, which fans out to a school wing surrounding a courtyard. Mendelsohn located the synagogue along the Dugway Brook ravine, which runs through the 28-acre wooded property between Mayfield Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard.

The synagogue is no longer in use and has been purchased by Sustainable Community Associates [SCA] for development. The project has been awarded numerous grants and public funding, including Historic Tax Credits [HTC] by the State Historic Preservation Office [SHPO] and the National Park Service [NPS] for a complete restoration and rehabilitation. The restoration scope includes masonry/soffit repair, new windows and doors, new roofs, interior floors, walls, and ceilings. The synagogue will be upgraded with the latest building systems while being sensitive to the historically significant spaces. New uses will include K-12 non-profit arts education programs, special needs art experiences, and a new Bachelor of Fine Arts interdisciplinary fifth-year program by a Northeast Ohio college. Other functions will include the continued use of the Temple space for the High Holy Days and community arts events, as well as private events and parties.

The synagogue is connected via a late-sixties addition by a successor to Mendelsohn with a bridge over the ravine to a large overflow auditorium and event space known as Kangesser Hall. The addition is not considered historic as the structures are outside the period of significance [1950-1953] of the Mendelsohn synagogue, so the bridge will be retained, but the hall will be demolished. Other buildings on-site planned for demolition include a caretaker house, boiler room, and garage to the north and a gas house to the south. The daycare building to the southeast and a Mikvah [ceremonial bath house] to the north of Kangesser will remain.

A Framework Plan for the Park Synagogue property has been underway for the past year, and we are ready to start preliminary reviews with the city boards and commissions. The multi-phase plan envisions retaining the park-like character of the wooded site, celebrating the architecture of Mendelsohn's synagogue, and exploring opportunities for new buildings. Studies have included small-scale residences such as townhouse apartments on the site's south side near the Synagogue in phase one and more significant multi-family buildings on the north side across the ravine in future phases.

Reasons for the Zoning Amendment

As noted above in the project description, the primary reason for the Zoning Map Change is to allow for a new Development plan for proposed townhouses and mixed-use multi-family buildings on the property that are prohibited under the current zoning.

Present Use & Zoning District

The north parcel "A" [formerly 684-34-001, currently 684-34-014] is zoned "A Single-Family" with a 220' strip along Mayfield Road zoned "MF-1 Multiple-Family". Present uses include the Charlotte Goldberg Community Mikvah for religious ceremonies and Kangesser Hall, an overflow assembly building for the synagogue.

The mid-parcel "B" [formerly 684-35-001, currently 684-34-015] is zoned "A Single-Family" with a 220' strip along Mayfield Road zoned "MF-1 Multiple-Family". Present uses include the Cleveland Heights Historic Landmark Park Synagogue temple, the bridge over the dugway brook connecting the temple to the overflow hall, and the Boiler House building with the caretaker apartment and service garage.

The south parcel "C" [formerly 684-35-022, currently 684-35-025] is zoned "A Single-Family". Present use is the Heights Room to Grow daycare and preschool.

Proposed Use & Zoning District

The north parcel “A” [PPN 684-34-014] is to be zoned “S-2 Mixed Use”. Proposed uses maintain the Mikvah for religious ceremonies, Kangesser Hall would be demolished, and new mixed-use multi-family buildings would be developed along Mayfield Road.

The mid-parcel “B” [PPN 684-34-015] is to be zoned “S-2 Mixed Use”. Proposed uses include the restoration of the Park Synagogue temple and bridge for arts education, the Boiler House building would be demolished, and new townhouses would be developed around that area.

The south parcel “C” [PPN 684-35-025] is to be zoned “S-2 Mixed Use”. Proposed uses maintain the daycare and new townhouses would be developed in the southeast corner of the site.

Vicinity Map

See the Plat of Lot Split and Consolidation approved by the Planning Commission for Re-Subdivision on 10/29/2024.

Planning Statement

The proposed amendment will help the City of Cleveland Heights achieve some of the core goals outlined in the **2017 Master Plan**, including developing *vibrant neighborhoods* with infill housing on the site, creating a *complete transportation network* with public access trails, and creating a *safe and engaged community* for the Boulevard Neighborhood by revitalizing the underutilized property. Additionally, this amendment will help preserve the Park Synagogue as a local *historic landmark* by repositioning the building as a *hub for arts and culture* with the proposed use of an arts community center, creating a more *diverse and open community* for future generations.

[End of Application]

Exhibit B
List of Parcels

PPN	Parcel Address
68434014	3300 MAYFIELD ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH, 44118 (Parcel "A")
68434015	3300 MAYFIELD ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH, 44118 (Parcel "B")
68435025	3300 MAYFIELD ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH, 44118 (Parcel "C")

RESOLUTION
CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL REFFERAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 245-2024
JANUARY 8, 2025

WHEREAS, the Park Synagogue property is located a 3300 Mayfield Road comprised of Permanent Parcel Numbers (“PPNs”) 684-34-014, 684-34-015, and 684-35-025 (The “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property is approximately 28 acres and currently split between the A Single-Family and MF-1 Multiple-Zoning Districts; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of the Property, Sustainable Community Associates (the “Applicant”) is proposing a multi-phased renovation, restoration, and redevelopment of the Property (the “Project”); and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1119.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, after the introduction of such amending Ordinance by Council, such amending Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Planning Commission for its consideration and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1119.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights the Planning Commission shall be allowed a reasonable time, not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days, for its consideration and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2024 the Applicant submitted a petition for a Zoning Map Change to rezone the Property to the S-2 Mixed-Use; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1119.02(g) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, such Zoning Map change is consistent with the adopted 2017 City of Cleveland Heights Master Plan; the Applicant stated in its application that “[t]he proposed amendment will help the City of Cleveland Heights achieve some of the core goals outlined in the 2017 Master Plan, including developing vibrant neighborhoods with infill housing on the site, creating a complete transportation network with public access trails, and creating a safe and engaged community for the Boulevard Neighborhood by revitalizing the underutilized property. Additionally, this amendment will help preserve the

Park Synagogue as a local historic landmark by repositioning the building as a hub for arts and culture with the proposed use of an arts community center, creating a more diverse and open community for future generations.”

WHEREAS, the Applicant preliminarily and conceptually presented the Project including the need for a Zoning Map Change at the October 29, 2024 and November 13, 2024 Planning Commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, at the January 8, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission discussed with staff Ordinance No. 245-2024; and

WHEREAS, based upon that review and discussion with staff, the Planning Commission is in support of the proposed zoning map changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED be it

RESOLVED that the City of Cleveland Heights Planning Commission recommends that City Council consider approval of Ordinance No. 245-2024; and be it finally

RESOLVED that this resolution be signed by the Chairperson and shared with City Council for their consideration.

On a motion of Commissioner Gaynier. Seconded by Commissioner Miles,
This resolution was approved by the following vote:

AYES: 6
NAYES: 0
ABSTAINED: 0
ABSENT: 0



Jessica Cohen, Chair

1/8/2025
Date

Proposed: 01/06/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2025(F), *Fourth Reading (As amended 02.18.2025)*

By Mayor Seren

An Ordinance making 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; repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 265-2024; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Finances, of the Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights, on November 15, 2024 the Mayor submitted “to the Council an estimate of the expenditures and revenues of the City departments for the ensuing year;” and

WHEREAS, the Mayor introduced Ordinance No. 238-2024 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, which was given first reading by the Council on December 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2024, the Council rejected Ordinance No. 238-2024, and introduced Ordinance No. 265-2024 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 March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2024, the Council approved Ordinance No. 265-2024; and

WHEREAS, to allow for greater stability and consistency in the planning and funding of government operations, the City would benefit from an appropriations ordinance that provides funding for the entire Fiscal Year 2025, as compared to an appropriations ordinance that provides funding for one quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

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

SECTION 1. To provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 the following sums in Exhibit 1 be and they are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 265-2024 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. All expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights within the fiscal

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year ending December 31, 2025, shall be made within the appropriations herein provided. "Appropriation" as used herein means the total amount appropriated for the individual fund. Notwithstanding the financial detail herein presented within an individual fund, the City's Chief Executive, the Mayor, is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within each fund, so long as the total amount appropriated for each individual fund is not exceeded.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one paper 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 5. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective as an emergency measure for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the ongoing and continuous need to preserve the faith and credit of the City. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance 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

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2025 EXHIBIT 1
Amended 02.18.2025
AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE
CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

		Year 2025	
		Original Budget	ORD#
Department	Object		
That there be appropriated from the GENERAL FUND, FUND NO. 101			
1101- City Council			
	Personal Services	\$	197,922.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	100,650.00
	Total - 1101 City Council	\$	298,572.00
2101 - Mayor's Office			
	Personal Services	\$	977,557.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	120,450.00
	Total - 2101 Mayor's Office	\$	1,098,007.00
2106- Civil Service			
	Personal Services	\$	3,507.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	35,000.00
	Total - 2106 Civil Service	\$	38,507.00
2107 - Landmark Commission			
	O.T.P.S	\$	29,215.00
	Total - 2107 Landmark Commission	\$	29,215.00
2108- General Operations			
	Personal Services	\$	714,528.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	1,806,800.00
	Total - 2108 General Operations	\$	2,521,328.00
2201 - M.I.S.			
	Personal Services	\$	470,708.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	420,442.00
	Capital	\$	124,000.00
	Total - 2201 MIS	\$	1,015,150.00
2501- Community Relations			
	Personal Services	\$	696,713.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	172,093.00
	Total - 2501 Community Relations	\$	868,806.00
3101 - Finance			
	Personal Services	\$	726,844.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	205,460.00
	Total - 3101 Finance	\$	932,304.00
3103 - County Auditors Deductions			
	O.T.P.S	\$	275,000.00
	Total - 3103 County Auditors Deductions	\$	275,000.00
310Z - Operating Transfers			
	Other Financing Uses	\$	-
	Total - 310Z Operating Transfers	\$	-
3201 - Income Tax			
	O.T.P.S	\$	1,177,750.00
	Total - 3201 Income Tax	\$	1,177,750.00
3301 - Human Resources			
	Personal Services	\$	297,776.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	172,500.00
	Total - 4101 Human Resources	\$	470,276.00
4101 - Law			

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Department	Object	Year 2025	
		Original Budget	ORD#
	Personal Services	\$	1,050,223.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	485,550.00
	Total - 4101 Law	\$	1,535,773.00
5101 - Planning	Personal Services	\$	2,566,919.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	309,885.00
	Total - 5101 Planning	\$	2,876,804.00
5102- Planning Commission	Personal Services	\$	8,226.00
	Capital	\$	5,450.00
	Total - 5102 Planning Commission	\$	13,676.00
5103 - Board of Zoning Appeals	Personal Services	\$	5,884.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	5,600.00
	Capital	\$	-
	Total - 5103 Bd. Of Zoning Appeals	\$	11,484.00
5104 - Special Improvement District	O.T.P.S	\$	458,998.00
	Total - 5104 SID	\$	458,998.00
5106 - Architect Bd of Review	Personal Services	\$	5,985.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	5,850.00
	Capital	\$	-
	Total - 5106 Arch Bd. Of Review	\$	11,835.00
5602 - SBA Grants	O.T.P.S	\$	150,000.00
	Total - 5602 SBA Grants	\$	150,000.00
6201 - Service Administration	Personal Services	\$	526,632.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	11,535.00
	Capital	\$	1,100.00
	Total - 6201 Service Admin	\$	539,267.00
6202 Capital Projects Admin	O.T.P.S	\$	25,000.00
	Total - 6202 Cap Proj Admin	\$	25,000.00
6207 - Vehicle Maintenance	Personal Services	\$	1,322,745.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	1,432,605.00
	Capital	\$	35,000.00
	Total - 6207 Vehicle Maintenance	\$	2,790,350.00
6208 - Street Maintenance	Personal Services	\$	1,941,542.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	356,730.00
	Capital	\$	-
	Total - 6208 Street Maintenance	\$	2,298,272.00
6211 - Traffic Signs & Signals	Personal Services	\$	79,305.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	218,055.00
	Total - 6211 Traffic Signs & Signals	\$	297,360.00

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Department	Object	Year 2025	
		Original Budget	ORD#
7201 - Police Administration			
	Personal Services	\$	13,530,503.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	739,540.00
	Total - 7201 Police Admin	\$	14,270,043.00
7202 - Police Academy			
	Personal Services	\$	73,495.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	75,000.00
	Total - 7202 Police Academy	\$	148,495.00
7301 - Fire Administration			
	Personal Services	\$	11,882,221.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	394,764.00
	Total - 7301 Fire Admin	\$	12,276,985.00
7302 - Joint Dispatch			
	O.T.P.S	\$	1,381,905.00
	Total - 7302 Joint Dispatch	\$	1,381,905.00
7303 - Fire Prevention			
	Personal Services	\$	284,254.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	22,800.00
	Capital	\$	3,000.00
	Total - 7303 Fire Prevention	\$	310,054.00
7401 - Building Services			
	Personal Services	\$	7,568.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	418,600.00
	Non-Government	\$	5,000.00
	Total - 7401 Building Services	\$	431,168.00
7402 - Housing Inspections			
	Personal Services	\$	3,800.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	136,500.00
	Capital	\$	3,000.00
	Non-Governmental	\$	4,000.00
	Total - 7402 Housing Inspections	\$	147,300.00
8101 - Community Services Admin			
	O.T.P.S	\$	7,480.00
	Total - 8101 Comm Serv Admin	\$	7,480.00
8201 - Public Prop/Park Maint			
	Personal Services	\$	1,752,427.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	1,409,545.00
	Total - 8201 Public Prop Maint	\$	3,161,972.00
8401 - Parks & Rec Admin			
	Personal Services	\$	1,030,340.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	36,400.00
	Total - 8401 Parks & Rec Admin	\$	1,066,740.00
8402 - General Playgrouds			
	O.T.P.S	\$	20,700.00
	Total - 8402 General Playground	\$	20,700.00
8403 - Swimming Pools			
	Personal Services	\$	379,800.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	193,000.00

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Department	Object	Year 2025	
		Original Budget	ORD#
	Total - 8403 Swimming Pools	\$	572,800.00
8405 - Ice Programs			
	Personal Services	\$	297,134.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	34,550.00
	Total - 8405 Ice Programs	\$	331,684.00
8406 - General Recreation Prog			
	Personal Services	\$	167,544.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	374,500.00
	Total - 8406 General Rec Prog	\$	542,044.00
8409 - Sports Programs			
	Personal Services	\$	144,008.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	85,250.00
	Total - 8409 Sports Programs	\$	229,258.00
8411 - Comm Center Admin			
	Personal Services	\$	683,269.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	416,500.00
	Other Financing Uses	\$	1,400.00
	Total - 8411 Comm Center Admin	\$	1,101,169.00
8501 - Office on Aging Admin			
	Personal Services	\$	217,465.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	25,060.00
	Total - 8501 Office on Aging	\$	242,525.00
8601 - Public Health Admin			
	O.T.P.S	\$	345,950.00
	Total - 8601 Public Health Admin	\$	345,950.00
8701 - Animal Protection			
	O.T.P.S	\$	40,000.00
	Total - 8701 Animal Protection	\$	40,000.00
9101 - Municipal Court			
	Personal Services	\$	1,661,123.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	178,600.00
	Total - 9101 Municipal Court	\$	1,839,723.00
Total Fund 101 - General Fund Budget		\$	58,201,729.00

That there be appropriated from the SCM&R FUND, FUND NO. 201

6201 - Service Administration			
	Personal Services	\$	38,558.00
	Total - 6201 Service Admin	\$	38,558.00
6208 - Sewer Maintenance			
	Personal Services	\$	109,067.00
	Capital	\$	40,000.00
	Total - 6208 Sewer Maintenance	\$	149,067.00
6213 - Monticello Blvd			
	O.T.P.S	\$	37,802.00
	Total - 6213 Monticello Blvd	\$	37,802.00
6215 - Road Repaving			

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		Original Budget	ORD#
	O.T.P.S	\$	20,480.00
	Total - 6215 Road Repaving	\$	20,480.00
6220 - Taylor Road			
	O.T.P.S	\$	63,799.00
	Total - 6220 Taylor Road	\$	63,799.00
6236 - Annual Street Surface			
	Capital	\$	2,450,000.00
	Total - 6236 Street Surface	\$	2,450,000.00
6312 - Meadowbrook Blvd. Rehab			
	O.T.P.S	\$	118,922.00
	Total - 6312 Meadowbrook Blvd. Rehab	\$	118,922.00
Total Fund 201 - SCM&R Budget		\$	2,878,628.00

That there be appropriated from the PUBLIC BLDG. MAINT, FUND NO. 205

8201 - Public Building Maintenance			
	O.T.P.S	\$	100,000.00
	Total - 7205 Law Enforcement	\$	100,000.00
Total Fund 205 - Public Bldg. Maintenance		\$	100,000.00

That there be appropriated from the LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND, FUND NO. 206

7205 - Law Enforcement			
	O.T.P.S	\$	69,200.00
	Total - 8201 Public Building Maintenance	\$	69,200.00
Total Fund 206 - Law Enforcement Budget		\$	69,200.00

That there be appropriated from the DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND, FUND NO. 207

7206 - Drug Law Enforcement			
	Personal Services	\$	62,000.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	132,500.00
	Capital	\$	-
	Total - 7206 Drug Law Enforcement	\$	194,500.00
Total Fund 207 - Drug Law Enforcement Budget		\$	194,500.00

That there be appropriated from the C.D.B.G RESOURCES FUND, FUND NO. 208

5201 - CDBG Financial Admin			
	Personal Services	\$	5,844.00
	Total - 5201 CDBG Financial Admin	\$	5,844.00
5203 - CDBG Admin Contracts			
	O.T.P.S	\$	461,005.00
	Capital	\$	97,000.00
	Total - 5203 CDBG Admin Contracts	\$	558,005.00
5220 - CDBG Office on Aging			
	Personal Services	\$	40,531.00
	Total -5220 CDBG Office on Aging	\$	40,531.00
5222 - Economic Development			

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		Original Budget	ORD#
	Personal Services	\$	133,238.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	1,354,159.00
	Total - 5222 Economic Development	\$	1,487,397.00
5224- - CDBG Admin			
	Personal Services	\$	121,604.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	86,500.00
	Total - 5224 CDBG Admin	\$	208,104.00
5228 - CDBG Public Works			
	O.T.P.S	\$	404,235.00
	Capital	\$	195,000.00
	Total - 5228 - Public Works	\$	599,235.00
5301 - CDBG Home Repair Resource			
	O.T.P.S	\$	355,121.00
	Total - 5301 CDBG Home Repair	\$	355,121.00
5303 - CDBG Housing Pres Office			
	Personal Services	\$	292,726.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	697,500.00
	Total - 5303 CDBG Housing Pres Office	\$	990,226.00
5304 - CDBG Code Enforce			
	Personal Services	\$	113,396.00
	O.T.P.S	\$	-
	Total - 5304 CDBG Code Enforce	\$	113,396.00
5309 - GIS			
	Personal Services	\$	42,625.00
	Total - 5309 GIS	\$	42,625.00
8407 - Child Care			
	O.T.P.S	\$	19,500.00
	Total - 8407 Child Care	\$	19,500.00
Total Fund 208 - CDBG Budget		\$	4,419,984.00

That there be appropriated from the HOME PROGRAM FUND, FUND NO. 211

5503 - Home Admin			
	O.T.P.S	\$	435,500.00
	Total - 5503 Home Admin	\$	435,500.00
5505 - Home Program Income			
	O.T.P.S	\$	189,000.00
	Total - 5505 Home Program Income	\$	189,000.00
Total Fund 211 - Home Program Budget		\$	624,500.00

That there be appropriated from the POLICE FACILITY IMPR. FUND, FUND NO. 213

7201 - Police Admin			
	O.T.P.S	\$	10,000.00
	Total - 7201 Police Admin	\$	10,000.00
Total Fund 213 - Police Facility Budget		\$	10,000.00

That there be appropriated from the LOCAL PROGRAMMING FUND, FUND NO. 214

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2108 - General Operations		
	O.T.P.S	\$ 74,000.00
	Total - 2108 General Operations	\$ 74,000.00
2201 - MIS		
	Capital	\$ 25,000.00
	Total - 2201 MIS	\$ 25,000.00
2502 - Public Relations		
	Personal Services	\$ 15,450.00
	Total - 2502 Public Relations	\$ 15,450.00
2601 - Cable TV Admin		
	Personal Services	\$ -
	O.T.P.S	\$ 217,400.00
	Capital	\$ 80,000.00
	Total - 2601 Cable TV Admin	\$ 297,400.00
Total Fund 214 - Local Programming Budget		\$ 411,850.00
<u>That there be appropriated from the CAIN PARK OPERATING FUND, FUND NO. 215</u>		
8901 - Cain Park Admin		
	Personal Services	\$ 137,244.00
	O.T.P.S	\$ 1,470,325.00
	Total - 8901 Cain Park Admin	\$ 1,607,569.00
8905 - Arts Festival		
	O.T.P.S	\$ 46,700.00
	Total - 8905 Arts Festival	\$ 46,700.00
8906 - Theater		
	O.T.P.S	\$ 164,750.00
	Total - 8906 Theater	\$ 164,750.00
Total Fund 215 - Cain Park Budget		\$ 1,819,019.00
<u>That there be appropriated from the REC FACILITY IMPR. FUND, FUND NO. 216</u>		
8301 - Park Maint. Admin		
	O.T.P.S	\$ 243,000.00
	Capital	\$ 1,035,000.00
	Total - 8301 Park Maint. Admin	\$ 1,278,000.00
Total Fund 216 - Rec Facility Budget		\$ 1,278,000.00
<u>That there be appropriated from the INDIGENT DUI TREATMENT FUND, FUND NO. 221</u>		
9101 - Municipal Court		
	O.T.P.S	\$ 14,000.00
	Total - 9101 - Municipal Court	\$ 14,000.00
Total Fund 221 - Indigent DUI Treatment		\$ 14,000.00
<u>That there be appropriated from the MUNI COURT - COMPUTERIZATION FUND, FUND NO. 222</u>		
9101 - Municipal Court		
	Personal Services	\$ 9,816.00
	O.T.P.S	\$ 25,000.00
	Capital	\$ 15,000.00
	Total - 9101 - Municipal Court	\$ 49,816.00

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Total Fund 222 - Muni Ct - Computerization		\$ 49,816.00

That there be appropriated from the MUNI COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND, FUND NO. 225

9101 - Municipal Court		
Personal Services	\$	24,879.00
O.T.P.S	\$	23,500.00
Capital	\$	34,000.00
Total - 9101 - Municipal Court	\$	82,379.00
Total Fund 225 - Muni Ct Special Projects	\$	82,379.00

That there be appropriated from the LEAD SAFE CUYAHOGA FUND, FUND NO. 226

5303 - CDBG Pres Office		
O.T.P.S	\$	365,000.00
Total - 5303 CDBG Housing Pres Office	\$	365,000.00
5701 - Housing Program Grants		
Personal Services	\$	32,285.00
O.T.P.S	\$	445,300.00
Capital	\$	8,100.00
Total - 5701 Housing Program Grants	\$	485,685.00
Total Fund 226 - Lead Safe Cuyahoga Budget	\$	850,685.00

That there be appropriated from the C.D.B.G. - COVID FUND, FUND NO. 228

5220 - CDBG Office on Aging		
O.T.P.S.	\$	1,752.00
Total - 5220 CDBG Office on Aging	\$	1,752.00
5224 - CDBG Admin		
O.T.P.S	\$	12,460.00
Total - 5224 CDBG Admin	\$	12,460.00
5228 - CDBG Public Works		
Capital	\$	93,038.00
Total - 5228 CDBG Public Works	\$	93,038.00
Total Fund 228 - CDBG Covid Budget	\$	107,250.00

That there be appropriated from the STREET LIGHTING FUND, FUND NO. 230

3101 - Finance		
O.T.P.S	\$	11,000.00
Total - 3101 Finance	\$	11,000.00
6211 - Traffic Signals & Lights		
O.T.P.S	\$	1,050,000.00
Total - 6211 Traffic Signals & Lights	\$	1,050,000.00
Total Fund 230 - Street Lighting Budget	\$	1,061,000.00

That there be appropriated from the TREE FUND, FUND NO. 231

310Z - Operating Transfers		
Other Financing Uses	\$	17,455.00
Total - 310Z Operating Transfers	\$	17,455.00

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8801 - Forestry		
	Personal Services	\$ 962,798.00
	O.T.P.S	\$ 306,115.00
	Capital	\$ 504,650.00
	Total - 8801 Forestry	\$ 1,773,563.00
Total Fund 231 - Tree Budget		\$ 1,791,018.00

That there be appropriated from the **POLICE PENSION FUND, FUND NO. 232**

7201 - Police Pension		
	Personal Services	\$ 382,650.00
	Total 7201 - Police Pension	\$ 382,650.00
Total Fund 232 - Police Pension Budget		\$ 382,650.00

That there be appropriated from the **FIRE PENSION FUND, FUND NO. 233**

7301 - Fire Pension		
	Personal Services	\$ 382,650.00
	Total 7301 - Fire Pension	\$ 382,650.00
Total Fund 233 - Fire Pension Budget		\$ 382,650.00

That there be appropriated from the **EARNED BENEFITS FUND, FUND NO. 234**

2108 - General Operations		
	Personal Services	\$ 300,000.00
	Total 2108 - General Operations	\$ 300,000.00
Total Fund 234 - Earned Benefits Budget		\$ 300,000.00

That there be appropriated from the **FEDERAL MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND, FUND NO. 240**

5101 - Planning		
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 1,000,000.00
	Total - 5101 Planning	\$ 1,000,000.00
7201 - Police		
	Personnel	\$ 43,216.00
	Total - 7201 Police	\$ 43,216.00
8401 - Parks & Recreation Admin		
	Capital	\$ 390,000.00
	Total - 8401 Parks & Recreation Admin	\$ 390,000.00
Total Fund 240 - Fed Misc Grants		\$ 1,433,216.00

That there be appropriated from the **NOPEC FUND, FUND NO. 244**

2108 - General Operations		
	Capital	\$ -
	O.T.P.S	\$ 200,000.00
	Total - 2108 - General Operations	\$ 200,000.00
Total Fund 244 - NOPEC Budget		\$ 200,000.00

That there be appropriated from the **TOP OF THE HILL TIF, FUND NO. 260**

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3101 - Finance	O.T.P.S.	\$ 1,000,000.00
	Total - 3101 Finance	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Fund 260 - Top of the Hill TIF Budget		\$ 1,000,000.00

That there be appropriated from the G.O. BOND RETIREMENT FUND, FUND NO. 301

3101 - Finance	O.T.P.S.	\$ 1,465,052.00
	Total - 3101 Finance	\$ 1,465,052.00
Total Fund 301 - GO Bond Retirement Budget		\$ 1,465,052.00

That there be appropriated from the FINANCED CAPITAL FUND, FUND NO. 402

5101 - Planning	Capital	\$ 670,000.00
	Total - 5101 Planning	\$ 670,000.00
6203 - Refuse Coll/Transfer Sta	Capital	\$ 40,000.00
	Total - 6203 Refuse Coll/Transfer Sta	\$ 40,000.00
6207 - Vehicle Maintenance	Capital	\$ 52,500.00
	Total - 6207 Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 52,500.00
6208 - Street Maint	Capital	\$ 81,000.00
	Total - 6208 Street Maint	\$ 81,000.00
7201 - Police Admin	Capital	\$ 840,000.00
	Total - 7201 Police Admin	\$ 840,000.00
7301 - Fire Admin	Capital	\$ 1,434,000.00
	Total - 7301 Fire Admin	\$ 1,434,000.00
7402 - Housing Inspections	Capital	\$ 3,000.00
	Total - 7402 Housing Inspections	\$ 3,000.00
8201 - Public Prop/Park Maint	Capital	\$ 910,000.00
	Total - 8201 Public Prop/Park Maint	\$ 910,000.00
Total Fund 402 - Financed Capital Budget		\$ 4,030,500.00

That there be appropriated from the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, FUND NO. 411

5101 - Planning	O.T.P.S.	\$ 232,850.00
	Capital	\$ 50,000.00
	Total - 5101 Planning	\$ 282,850.00
Total Fund 411 - Economic Development Budget		\$ 282,850.00

That there be appropriated from the CITY HALL MAINT. & REPAIR FUND, FUND NO. 412

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2102 - City Hall Maint Repair		
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 20,000.00
	Total - 2102 City Hall Maint	\$ 20,000.00
Total Fund 412 - City Hall Maint & Repair Budget		\$ 20,000.00

That there be appropriated from the WATER ADMINISTRATION FUND, FUND NO. 601

6301 - Water Admin		
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 500.00
	Total - 6301 - Water Admin	\$ 500.00
6302 - Water Distribution		
	O.T.P.S.	\$ -
	Capital	\$ 865,000.00
	Total - 6302 - Water Distrib	\$ 865,000.00
6314 - Runnymede		
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 20,207.00
	Total - 6314 - Runnymede	\$ 20,207.00
Total Fund 601 - Water Administration Budget		\$ 885,707.00

That there be appropriated from the SEWERAGE FUND, FUND NO. 602

6205 - Sewer Maint		
	Personal Services	\$ 1,619,391.00
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 733,850.00
	Capital	\$ 3,289,000.00
	Other Financing Sources	\$ 12,000.00
	Total - 6205 - Sewer Maint	\$ 5,654,241.00
6301 - Water Admin		
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 10,000.00
	Total - 6301 - Water Admin	\$ 10,000.00
Total Fund 602 - Sewer Budget		\$ 5,664,241.00

That there be appropriated from the PARKING FUND, FUND NO. 603

6210 - Parking Dept		
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 816,700.00
	Non-Government	\$ 4,000.00
	Total - 6210 Parking Dept	\$ 820,700.00
Total Fund 603 - Parking Budget		\$ 820,700.00

That there be appropriated from the REFUSE FUND, FUND NO. 605

6203 - Refuse Collect		
	Personal Services	\$ 3,067,379.00
	O.T.P.S.	\$ 1,353,024.00
	Capital	\$ -
	Total - 6203 Refuse Collect	\$ 4,420,403.00
Total Fund 605 - Refuse Budget		\$ 4,420,403.00

That there be appropriated from the ALS AMBULANCE SERVICES FUND, FUND NO. 606

7304 - Ambulance Services		
	Personal Services	\$ 659,898.00

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	O.T.P.S.	\$	485,560.00
	Capital	\$	254,791.00
	Total - 7304 Ambulance Services	\$	1,400,249.00
Total Fund 606 - ALS Ambulance Services Budget		\$	1,400,249.00

That there be appropriated from the HOSPITALIZATION SELF-INS FUND, FUND NO. 701

3101 - Finance			
	Personal Services	\$	8,152,000.00
	Total - 3101 Finance	\$	8,152,000.00
Total Fund 701 Hospitalization Budget		\$	8,152,000.00

That there be appropriated from the OFFICE ON AGING FUND, FUND NO. 804

8501 - Off On Aging Admin			
	O.T.P.S.	\$	1,750.00
	Total - 8501 - Off On Aging Admin	\$	1,750.00
Total Fund 804 Office on Aging Budget		\$	1,750.00

That there be appropriated from the YOUTH RECREATION FUND, FUND NO. 808

8101 - Community Services Admin			
	Other Financing Uses	\$	5,000.00
	Total - 8101 Community Services Admin	\$	5,000.00
Total Fund 808 Youth Recreation Budget		\$	5,000.00

That there be appropriated from the JUVENILE DIVERSION PROG FUND, FUND NO. 811

7209 - Juvenile Diversion			
	O.T.P.S.	\$	12,000.00
	Total - 7209 Juvenile Diversion	\$	12,000.00
Total Fund 811 Juvenile Diversion		\$	12,000.00

That there be appropriated from the FLEXIBLE SPENDING , FUND NO. 850

3101 - Finance			
	Other Financing Uses	\$	150,000.00
	Total - 3101 Finance	\$	150,000.00
Total Fund 850 Flexible Spending		\$	150,000.00

That there be appropriated from the SALES TAX FUND, FUND NO. 857

3101 - Finance			
	Other Financing Uses	\$	50.00
	Total - 3101 Finance	\$	50.00
Total Fund 857 Sales Tax Budget		\$	50.00

That there be appropriated from the MISCELLANEOUS AGENCY FUND, FUND NO. 858

7201 - Police Admin

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	O.T.P.S.	\$ 106,000.00
	Total - 7201 Police Admin	\$ 106,000.00
Total Fund 858 Misc. Agency Budget		\$ 106,000.00
Total 2025 Budget		\$ 105,078,576.00

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 042-2025(HB)

By All City Council Members

A Resolution joining with HUD and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April 2025 as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to fair housing; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 57th anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Law, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") has promoted the observance of April as *Fair Housing Month* throughout communities of this nation; and

WHEREAS, this City, since the year 1965, has continually and consistently approved and encouraged the concept of fair housing throughout the City of Cleveland Heights and the entire Cleveland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, 49 years ago, in 1976, this Council committed itself to a Resolution establishing the Nine-Point Plan to promote a well-maintained, full-service residential community, to prevent re-segregation and to develop programs with residents, community organizations, the Board of Education, the business community, and other institutions to implement this Plan; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the City of Cleveland Heights has created and operated programs to continue integration and to educate and persuade residents and non-residents of the benefits of integrated neighborhoods in this City and others across the country.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 2025 to be *Fair Housing Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights. The City joins with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and other communities nationwide in the observation of *Fair Housing Month* and hereby reaffirms its commitment established over 50 years ago to fair housing in Cleveland Heights and throughout the Greater Cleveland area and the nation.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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SECTION 3. 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 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 recognize *Fair Housing 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

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 043-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

A Resolution proclaiming April 6-12, 2025 to be *National Library Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library has been serving our community since 1916; and

WHEREAS, said library leads the nation as a five-star library because of its excellent staff, services, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, our library serves as a great equalizer of knowledge by providing free access to all; and

WHEREAS, our library works to meet the changing needs of our citizens, including building collections, expanding outreach services, and increasing programming; and

WHEREAS, our library provides a forum for diverse ideas and points of view that help us better understand each other and ourselves; and

WHEREAS, our librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, and work; and

WHEREAS, our librarians design and offer programs to meet the community's economic needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, interviewing workshops, and job-seeking resources; and

WHEREAS, our libraries are places for education, opportunity, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating *National Library Week*.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 6-12, 2025 to be *National Library Week* in the City of Cleveland Heights and urges all residents to visit the library during this week to take advantage of the wonderful resources available at the library. This Council further notes that celebrations during National Library Week include:

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•*National Library Workers Day*, Tuesday of National Library Week (April 8, 2025), a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers; and

•*National Library Outreach Day*, Wednesday of National Library Week (April 9, 2025), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

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President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 044-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

A Resolution proclaiming April 2025 to be *National Poetry Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of April as *National Poetry Month* in 1996; and

WHEREAS, *National Poetry Month* seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry, presents poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

WHEREAS, *National Poetry Month*, under the leadership and direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest literary celebration in the world; and

WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; and

WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has a long, proud history of being home to the Arts; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the benefits of poetry and has recognized the Poet Laureate selected by Heights Arts since the program began in 2006.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 2025 to be *National Poetry Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and urges all residents to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize the important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great city with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

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SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 recognize *National Poetry Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more 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

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 045-2025(MSES), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

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

WHEREAS, *Earth Month* takes place during April every year and is a time to raise environmental awareness and create consciousness around the issues that affect our planets health; and

WHEREAS, *Earth Month* started as a movement to resist the abusive and negligent consumptions of leaded gas by Americans – a crisis which started with air pollution brought about by the emissions of massive, inefficient automobiles; and

WHEREAS, in January 1969 there was a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, which caught the attention of senator Gaylord Nelson who wanted to use students' passion and energy for anti-war protests for ecological activism, particularly regarding air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, by 1990, *Earth Month* became a global event after 200 million participants from 141 countries joined the initiative, and by 1992 the United Nations became actively involved as well; and

WHEREAS, an inspired a group of activists decided to dedicate themselves to encouraging all Americans to be proactive and environmentally conscious, naming their initiative *Earth Day* – and the first *Earth Month* was celebrated in April 1970; and

WHEREAS, leaders and environmental activists from all over the world join together to create sustainable development and offer climate solutions to minimize our carbon footprint and prevent further harm to our planet's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is increasingly important to observe this month as Earth starts to unravel the harmful effects of climate change which not only poses a threat to our existence but is irreversibly damaging all forms of life.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 2025 to be *Earth Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and encourages the residents of the City of Cleveland Heights to participate in *Earth Day* by:

- Reducing your waste by avoiding single-use plastics, reducing the amount of food you waste, and buying local, seasonal produce.

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- Supporting fair trade and buying recycled, reusable, and eco-friendly products.
- Conserving energy by selecting energy/water efficient household appliances, lighting and showerheads.
- Reducing your transportation footprint by walking or biking instead of driving, taking public transportation, switching to an electric car, or driving less in general.
- Participating in local park clean-ups and pick up trash when you see it
- Eating more plant-based foods.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 recognize *Earth Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more 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

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PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 046-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

A Resolution proclaiming April 2025 to be *National Autism Acceptance Month* and April 2, 2025 to be *World Autism Awareness Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affects more than three million (3,000,000) people and is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the growing needs of the worldwide autistic community and to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders and the need to provide services to individuals and families who are affected, the United Nations has sanctioned April 2nd as *World Autism Awareness Day*; and

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks, an organization dedicated to enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow, promotes the awareness of autism worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in light of the growing impact of autism spectrum disorders and the need for greater awareness, Autism Speaks holds its “Light It Up Blue!” campaign on *World Autism Awareness Day*, designed to increase awareness about autism by asking participating organizations to turn their lights blue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is honored to take part in the annual observance of *National Autism Acceptance Month* and *World Autism Awareness Day* in the hopes that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 to be *National Autism Acceptance Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and further proclaims April 2, 2025 to be *World Autism Awareness Day*, to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal

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action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 recognize *National Autism Acceptance Month* and *World Autism Awareness Day* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more 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

Proposed: 03/17/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 047-2025(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution proclaiming April 21-25, 2025 to be *National Community Development Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) implemented the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program in 1974 for the purpose of providing local governments with the financial resources to assist low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is a participant in the CDBG Program, of which the main purpose is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is also a participant in the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) program which provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 34th anniversary of the HOME program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is a partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”)-funded Lead Hazard Control program, which provides funding for the removal of lead-based paint hazards in low to moderate income homes; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that the CDBG, HOME, and Lead Hazard Control programs are a partnership of federal, state, and local governments, businesses, non-profits, community organizations, and residents, and that the services funded by HUD, which are administered by the local governments and often delivered by non-profit organizations, rely heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that public recognition of the vital importance of the CDBG program to national communities like Cleveland Heights is essential.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 21-25, 2025 to be *National Community Development Week* in the City of Cleveland Heights and resolves that during this week this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose

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hard work and devotion to their neighborhoods and their low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Lead Hazard Control programs.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. 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 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 for *National Community Development Week* to be recognized 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