



January 6, 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

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:

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

(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

Melody Joy HartCitizen

12) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

James O'Hare Citizen

James WilliamsCitizen

13) LEGISLATION

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

a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 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
Move for Adoption

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

Abstain: None

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
Move for Adoption

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

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2025(AS): First Reading As Amended (01.06.2025). A Resolution reappointing David Benson (Canterbury), Laura Black (Coventry), Susan Efroymson (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

become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb
Move for Adoption

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

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Doreen Kelleher, Joquine Martin, David Krauss, Kathleen Benghiat, Bonnie Paul, and Alphredia Lacey as members of the Commission on Aging 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

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

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Lenora Cruz Price, Michael Payne, Peggy Spaeth, Peter Titas, Deby Auerbach Brown, Alex Pesta, Thomas Hodkiss, Adam Dew, and John Talley as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 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

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

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution 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
Move for Adoption

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
Abstain: 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
Move for Adoption

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

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

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
Move for Adoption

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
Abstain: None

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

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

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

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

15) Old Business

None

16) New Business

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

17) Council Member Comments

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

- **Mattox:** Wished everybody a happy new year and extended his condolences to the Moore family; the entire Noble neighborhood is grieving. Thanked God for everybody who has reached out and lifted up his family. He also gave a brief list of goals he has for 2025.
- **Russell:** Also gave her condolences to the Moore family. She was we have to do better and need to put the guns away. On a happier note, she gave thanks to Sharrod Brown, Shontel Brown, and Joyce Beatty for helping to pass the legislation social security offset windfall legislation.

Thanked her fellow council members for their support in helping to pass a resolution for support here in Cleveland Heights.

18) Council President's Report

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

19) Adjournment

End: 8:32 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JANUARY 21, 2025