



March 3, 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: 7:40pm

President appointed Councilmember Larson as acting Clerk for tonight's meeting

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: None

Also Present: Mayor Seren, Director Hanna, Administrator Horrigan

3) Excuse absent members

None

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

Motion to amend agenda to include RES 038-2025:

Seconded:

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

None

6) Presentation for the Recognition of Dorian Pace

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 038-2025(COTW): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing and commending Dorian Pace for his heroic actions in ensuring the safety of students during a school bus fire; and declaring the necessity

that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

Motion to adopt:

Seconded:

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

7) Communications from the Mayor

Nothing to report

8) City Administrator's Report

- Lee Rd parking garage is open and elevator should be done soon
- Cedar Fairmount garage is looking at a mid-April completion
- Cain Park performer space and bathroom renovations are underway, completion likely in early May
- Dairy building demo has been fully funded
- The freeze/thaw cycle this winter has been really bad, and that has made the filling of pot holes in the city very difficult.

9) Departmental Report(s)

Nothing to report

10) Report of the Clerk of Council

- a. • Notify Council that an application has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of a D1/D2/D3 permit from Boiling Seafood LLC located at 2201 Lee Rd, to Lee's Seafood Boil Lee Road LLC at the same address.

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

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Melody Joy Hart	Resident	2025 Budget
Drew Herzig	Resident	2025 Budget

12) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Drew Herzig	Resident	Transgender Day of Visibility
John Gall	Citizen	Traffic at the Taylor-Fairmount intersection
James Williams	Citizen	Sang a song for council

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. 033-2025(F): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Coventry Village Special Improvement District, Inc. (“Coventry Village SID”) for advancement of funds in anticipation of assessment; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2025(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Security Automation Systems, Inc., for repairs to the security control and intercom systems of the Cleveland Heights City Jail; waiving competitive bidding; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2025(PSH): First Reading. Resolution declaring the fire-damaged property at 3690 Grosvenor Road in Cleveland Heights, Ohio to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution adopting the City of Cleveland Heights Comprehensive & Equitable Safety Action Plan (CESAP).

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
MOVED TO COMMITTEE

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

Introduced by President Cuda

READ INTO THE RECORD

c. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 027-2025(MSES): Second Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with, and requesting the cooperation of, the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, ("COUNTY") in the matter of the Resurfacing of Euclid Heights Boulevard in the City of Cleveland Heights

("MUNICIPALITY"); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

NO VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 245-2024(PD): Second 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

NO VOTE

d. Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2025(F): Third 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

NO VOTE

14) Committee Reports

- **F:** Update from the meeting on February 25. Today they received the year end fund balances. The next meeting is March 11 at 6pm. Council will need to pass ORD 11-2025 at the March 17 meeting.
- **MSES:** The next meeting is March 18 at 5pm.
- **PD:** Update from the meeting on February 26. The next meeting will be March 18th at 10:30am, this will be the second meeting with Noble Rd merchants.

15) Old Business

- Russell is still waiting on all of the public records requests she has made
- Mattox is still waiting on council to put processes into place or to discuss how council will move forward with transparency around public meetings.

16) New Business

- Russell received a text message asking her to take a survey; it seems to have come from the City but she wants to know if it is real and the city is actually sending out a survey, or if it is fake/a scam. Asked the Mayor if he

is aware of a survey that residents are receiving. The Mayor stated that the City is not engaging in a resident satisfaction survey this year.

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.)

- **Russell:** Notified residents that on March 19 at 6:30pm she will be hosting another estate planning workshop at Cleveland Heights High.
- **Mattox:** Gave a shoutout to City Staff for an amazing Black History Month program. The performances and the education were all fantastic.

18) Council President's Report

- Commended Dorian Pacer for his heroic acts saving the children from the bus fire.
- The Finance Committee meeting on the 11th will probably be the last before Council votes on the budget. Gave his thoughts about the budget process that Council has worked through this year.

19) Adjournment

End: 8:45pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MARCH 17, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 19, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council