



April 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: 7:45 pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: Jim Petras

Also present: Mayor Seren, Director Hanna, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

- Councilmember Petras excused

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

- None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. February 3, 2025

APPROVED

b. February 18, 2025

APPROVED

c. February 24, 2025

APPROVED

6) Student Update on CHUH School District Activities

- Kayla Scruggs gave an update on various activities happening in the school district
- Gave an overview of upcoming events at the High School

7) 2025 Poet Laureate Presentation

- Thanked the previous Poet Laureate, Sierra Freeman, for her term.
- Welcomed the new Poet Laureate, Anna Smith, to her two-year term.
- She read a poem for the Council.

8) Former Coventry P.E.A.C.E Campus Tenants (10 min)

- Gave an update on where the former Coventry P.E.A.C.E campus tenants are now

9) MPACT Presentation
Ryan Porter

- Update on Severance Center Development

10) Communications from the Mayor

- AAMA Conference

11) City Administrator's Report

- None

12) Departmental Report(s)

- None

13) Report of the Clerk of Council

a. To notify Council that a Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control has been received for the transfer of a D2/D2X/D3/D3A/D6 liquor permit from YLT Heights LLC dba Nighttown to Edwins Leadership & Restaurant Institute. This matter has been referred to the Mayor and the Chief of Police.

14) 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
Drew Herzig	Resident	RES 058-2025; RES 069-2025; Vandalism of rainbow crosswalks

15) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Tom Hudak	Resident	Mayoral form of government
Erin Brunet Espuela	Resident	Tiger 5k Run

16) 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. 056-2025(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sosis Painting & Remodeling, 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 684-18-034; 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 Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 057-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution opposing federal and state cuts to food assistance programs that directly impact the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and its partners and urging the restoration of these funds to support families in need across Greater Cleveland and Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Petras

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 058-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for road salt for the 2025-2026 winter season; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 059-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for engineering design services associated with the waterline replacement project on Altamont Road; 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: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 060-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution acknowledging receipt from the Cedar-Fairmount Special Improvement District of a Plan for public services and improvements, and returning said Plan to the Board of Directors without comments or recommendations for changes; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 061-2025(HB): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an extension to a professional services agreement with Online Solutions LLC ("CitizenServe"); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

Russell, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 062-2025(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute sixteen (16) real estate purchase agreements for the sale of certain residential real property located within the city to various purchasers; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 063-2025(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate purchase agreement for the sale of certain vacant real property located on South Overlook Road and Cedar Road, consisting of approximately 0.54 acres and identified as permanent parcel numbers 685-24-001 and 685-24-033 in the Cuyahoga County records; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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c. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2025(AS): Second Reading (Amended 04.21.2025). An Ordinance establishing salary schedules, position classifications, and other compensation and benefits for officers and employees of the City; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to amend: Craig Cobb
Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

NO VOTE
WILL HAVE THIRD READING

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 Posch

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 064-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution declaring May 2025 *National Preservation Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 065-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May 5-9, 2025, as *Air Quality Awareness Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 066-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming May 2025 to be *Mary Dunbar Bike Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 067-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing April 22, 2025 as *National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 068-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming May, 2025 as *Jewish American Heritage Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 069-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May, 2025 to be *Mental Health Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 070-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May 4—May 10, 2025 to be *Professional Municipal Clerks Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

17) Committee Reports

- **F:** The next Finance Committee meeting will be April 28 at 6 pm. Gave a brief update on some outstanding items, including adjustments to the budget for several council requests.
- **MSES:** The next MSES meeting will be May 16 at 10:00 am.
- **AS:** The next AS meeting will be April 28 at 4:30 pm.
- **HB:** The public hearing previously scheduled for tomorrow has been rescheduled for May 7 at 10:30 am in Council Chambers

- **PSH:** The next PSH meeting will be tomorrow at 5 pm; there will be a Public Hearing regarding the local deer population on April 29 at 6pm in Council Chambers.
- **PD:** The next PD committee will be this Wednesday, April 23rd at 10:30 am.

18) Old Business

- None

19) New Business

- Vice President Russell spoke about a group/program she works with regarding youth homelessness. She wants to give the Council a heads-up that she will ask Council to donate some money to them.

20) 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:** Spoke to honor and celebrate a former teacher in our school district, Essence Mitchell (SP?), who recently passed away, and the impact she made throughout her time with the school district.
- **Russell:** Happy School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day.

21) Council President's Report

- None

22) Adjournment

End: 9:22 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MAY 5, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: JUNE 2, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council