



June 13, 2025
Emergency Meeting
4:30 PM

Cleveland Heights City Hall
Council Chambers
40 Severance Cir
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 4:31 pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: Davida Russell

Also present: Assistant Law Director Heltzel, Clerk Balester, Mayor Seren

3) Excuse absent members

- Davida Russell is excused but is participating via Zoom

4) Executive Session

- a. *To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of any public employee or public official, the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or contractee of the City or one who seeks to be an employee, licensee or contractee of the City.*

Motion to enter into executive session: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

5) 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. 116-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution calling for an investigation into matters concerning the Mayor of Cleveland Heights based on new information received by Council on the morning of June 13, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Motion to adopt: Jim Petras

Seconded: Gail Larson

Discussion:

- Cobb thinks this resolution is very appropriate given the more information that comes to light.
- Mattox is in favor of an investigation because it is critical to ask questions and get answers.
- Larson is supportive of this legislation because she is concerned for our staff, especially our law department staff. She believes a third-party investigation is needed at this time.
- Posch says we need an investigation, and we need the truth. As a criminal investigation, a third-party investigator is necessary.
- Cuda says this investigation calls for three things: an investigation, for the mayor to refrain from making any personnel decisions, and for the mayor to consider resigning.

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

6) 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.)

- None

7) Council President's Report

- Gave written remarks regarding potential felonies that the Mayor may have committed.
- Point of Order - ALD Heltzel reminded Council President that his comments need to remain within the topic of the emergency meeting, which is the resolution before Council.

8) Adjournment

End: 5:09 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JUNE 16, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: JUNE 30, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council