



May 5, 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: 7:58pm

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)

Motion to amend the agenda to include 088-2025 on First Reading and add a speaker: Jim Petras

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

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) Communications from the Mayor

- Sealed bids were received on April 24, 2025 for project #25-03 – “S. Taylor and Blanche Sewer Project.” Great Lakes Crushing submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$115,675.00.
- Sealed bids were received on April 30, 2025 for Project #25-01 – “2025 Road Program.” Ronyak Paving Inc. submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$2,333,785.00.

7) City Administrator's Report

- None

8) Departmental Report(s)

- None

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

- Clerk Balester was presented with her Certified Municipal Clerks designation and pin.

10) 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
Kelly Ovsek	Resident	ORD 063-2025: South Overlook/Cedar Rd Parcels
Louis Mande	Resident	ORD 063-2025: South Overlook/Cedar Rd Parcels
Ann Sherif	Resident	ORD 063-2025: South Overlook/Cedar Rd Parcels
Diana Gurley	Resident	ORD 063-2025: South Overlook/Cedar Rd Parcels

11) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
CJ Nash	Resident	Denison Park
Melody Joy Hart	Resident	Congratulations to the Clerk on her CMC Designation
John Gall	Resident	City Administrators Duties
Eli Mann	Resident	Prentis Place Project
Amy Eugene	Resident	Dysfunction in City Hall
Angel Fasolo	Resident	Seren should resign
David Sheagley	Resident	Social Security Resolution

12) 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. 071-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with The McLean Company for the acquisition of a Falcon 6-ton Recycler diesel dump trailer hot box and accessories for the Streets Division of the Department of Public Works; 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. 072-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Jennifer Bartlett as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term; 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: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 073-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Patrick Crago as a member of the Transportation and Mobility Committee of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term; 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: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 074-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Susan Kenney as a member 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 075-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Eric Silverman and Wes Schaub as members of the Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH to fill the vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired term; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: Anthony Mattox Jr.

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 076-2025(F): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 011-2025, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Larson

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. 077-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Northeast Ohio Area Wide Coordinating Agency ("NOACA") for a grant under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality ("CMAQ") program to fund a multiple-use trail along Washington Boulevard and to accept and enter into any agreements related to the Grant Program; 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. 078-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with UBIZ Venture Capital for the purpose

of conducting a Small Business Support Program; repealing Resolution No. 207-2024 in its entirety; 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. 079-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Yagour Group, LLC d/b/a Perfection Landscapes to furnish the labor, materials, equipment, and associated landscaping services necessary for the 2025 Facilities Landscape Installation & Maintenance Project; 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: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 080-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution providing for a contribution of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) in support of the 2025 Heights Tiger 5k and Fun Run; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Davida Russell

Motion to amend: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

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

MOTION PASSED

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. 081-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution adopting the City of Cleveland Heights' Climate Forward: An Action and Resilience Plan.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 082-2025(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Section 143.04, "Compensation of Members," of Chapter 143, "Landmark Commission," of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 083-2025(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Lexipol, LLC for annual subscription services used to provide the Police Department with comprehensive departmental policy management solutions; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 084-2025(COTW): First Reading. An Ordinance enacting a new Section 171.16, *City Contract Publication Requirement*, requiring transparency and accountability for contracts.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 087-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with 3 D Moore Enterprises LLC for a loan under the City's Storefront Loan Fund Program to help renovate the storefronts at 3936-3946 Mayfield Road; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 088-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with 3 D Moore Enterprises LLC for a loan under the City's Storefront Loan Fund Program to help renovate the storefronts at 3948 Mayfield Road; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 054-2025(COTW): Second Reading. An Ordinance amending Section 121.01, "Powers and Duties," of Chapter 121, *Mayor*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Introduced by President Cuda

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. 063-2025(PD): Second 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

NO VOTE

d. Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2025(AS): Third 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 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

e. Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend rules: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 085-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May 18-24, 2025 as *National Public Works Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 086-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution to save neighborhood Social Security Offices, Medicare and Medicaid; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

Passed on consent agenda

13) Committee Reports

- **HB:** There will be a Public Hearing on May 7 at 6 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, May 12, at 5:30 pm.
- **F:** Update from previous committee meeting. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, at 5:30 pm
- **MSES:** The next meeting will be the week of May 12.
- **AS:** The next meeting will be either Monday the 12 or Tuesday the 13.
- **PD:** Will be scheduling a PD meeting to discuss 087-2025 and 088-2025, and to meet with merchants on Taylor Rd.
- **PSH:** Update from the PSH Public Hearing last week regarding the city's deer population. The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, at 5 pm.

14) Old Business

- None

15) New Business

- None

16) 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:** He would like the Clerk to work with the Administration and the Communications Department to include a link to the Council's Agendas and Minutes page in the Friday Email Newsletter. Would like the city to work on communicating about sales of city-owned property better.
- **Mattox:** Wished his sister a happy birthday.
- **Posch:** Encourages people to go vote tomorrow on the May 6 primary.
- **Russell:** Thanked Mr. Ivory for being here tonight, and thanked the others who came in to support the social security resolution.
- **Larson:** Heights Bike Club is sponsoring several events for Mary Dunbar Bike Month including a Kids Bike Afternoon at on May 6th from 4:00pm-5:30pm, Bike-to-Work Week May 12 – 16, and starting June 3rd and going into October there will be a Tuesday evening community bike ride.

17) Council President's Report

- Lots of important issues were raised tonight by our residents and he thanked everybody who came in to speak. He spoke about the date the budget is due being changed to November 1. He thanked Clerk Balester for doing such a great job for Council and Council is so fortunate to have her.

18) Adjournment

End: 9:21 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MAY 19, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: AUGUST 18, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council