



June 30, 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: 7:31 pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: Jim Posch

Also Present: Director Hanna, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

- Councilmember Jim Posch is excused

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

- None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. June 2, 2025

APPROVED

b. June 13, 2025

APPROVED

c. June 16, 2025

APPROVED

d. June 25, 2025

6) Communications from the Mayor

- None

7) City Administrator's Report

- None

8) Departmental Report(s)

- None

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

a. Certification by Clerk of Council of Sufficient Signatures of City Electors upon a Recall Petition for the Office of Mayor of the City of Cleveland Heights

- A Recall Petition seeking the removal of the Mayor of the City of Cleveland Heights, submitted to the Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, has been reviewed by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and has been found to contain a total of **3,845** valid signatures of qualified City electors. This number exceeds the minimum required under Article IV, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights to initiate a recall. Pursuant to the Charter, this Certification is hereby formally presented to the Cleveland Heights City Council at its regular meeting on *June 30, 2025*. As required, a copy of this Certification will also be furnished to the Mayor in accordance with the Charter. Under the Charter, the Mayor shall have five (5) days from the date of this notification to resign from office. If the Mayor does not resign within that time, Council shall call an election upon the question of the removal of the Mayor to the electors of the City.

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
Ann Sherif	Resident	ORD 063-2025
Drew Herzig	Resident	RES 135-2025
Phillip Wadsworth	Resident	ORD 063-2025
Lou Mande	Resident	ORD 063-2025
Erin Miyoshi	Resident	ORD 063-2025

11) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Melody Joy Hart	Resident	CH Mayoral Recall
Christopher Woods	Resident	Racism in Cleveland Heights
Tom Hudak	Resident	CH Mayoral Recall
Melissa Woods	Resident	Weaponization of Anti-Semitism
Richard Goodwin	Resident	Firing of Jessica Schantz
James Bates	Resident	Response to Mayor's communications, the recall, and leadership
Susan Wood	Resident	CH Mayoral Recall
Eileen Ramerman	Resident	CH Mayoral Recall
Karin Lash	Resident	CH Mayoral Recall
Matthew Keri	Resident	Development on Cedar Rd.
Jason Davis	Resident	Cumberland Pool Safety Policies

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. 135-2025(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Spacesaver Corporation through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the provision of new lockers to be installed in the Police Department's locker rooms; repealing in its entirety Resolution No. 101-2025; 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
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with ZoneCo to assist in updating the City of Cleveland Heights' sign regulations; 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
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center program management services for the Cleveland Heights Down Payment Assistance 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: Jim Petras

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

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2025(F): First Reading. A Resolution approving a petition for the adoption of a public services and improvements plan for the Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to suspend rules: Anthony Mattox Jr.
Seconded: Gail Larson

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

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2025(F): Second Reading. A Resolution approving the adoption of the 2026 Tax Budget; 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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

c. Fourth Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 063-2025(PD): Fourth 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

Motion to postpone indefinitely: Gail Larson

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Jim Petras

No: Craig Cobb, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

MOTION FAILED

Motion to reconsider: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Davida Russell

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely: Gail Larson

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: Craig Cobb, Anthony Mattox Jr.

MOTION PASSED

13) Committee Reports

- **F:** The Finance Committee will have its next meeting in August, the exact date TBD.
- **MSES:** The MSES Committee will have its next meeting in August, the exact date TBD.
- **AS:** Gave an update from the AS tonight.

14) Old Business

- **Mattox** brought up RES 097-2025 and the confusion about where the funds will come from.

15) New Business

- **Larson** spoke to the Cumberland Pool safety issues brought up by one of the public comments tonight.

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.)

- **Larson** spoke about the recall.
- **Cobb** spoke about the Mayor's decision to fire the city's previous

Communications Director and hire the new Communications Director.

17) Council President's Report

- **Cuda** gave a brief look back at the Resolutions Council recently passed regarding the situation with the mayor.

18) Adjournment

End: 8:47

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JULY 7, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: AUGUST 18, 2025



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council