



August 25, 2025
Special Meeting
6:00 PM

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

MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 6:00 PM

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

Excused: None

Also Present: Director Hanna, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

- None

4) Public Hearing - Charter Amendments

Note: Persons wishing to speak must complete a public comment request form. A 3-minute time limit applies. 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	ORD 169-2025
Linda Striefsky	Resident	ORD 169-2025
Guy Thellian	Resident	ORD 169-2025
Harriet Applegate	Resident	ORD 169-2025
Graham Ball	Resident	ORD 169-2025
Lou Radivoyevitch	Resident	ORD 169-2025
Spencer Luckwitz	Resident	ORD 169-2025

5) Wrap-up Discussion of Charter Amendments

- Wrap up

6) **Legislative Review/Caucus**

- Discussion of legislation on tonight's agenda

7) **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.

- None

8) **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. 170-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant under Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; to accept funding if awarded; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 169-2025(COTW): First Reading. An Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Cleveland Heights a proposed First Amended Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

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c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2025(PSH): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement with ETC Institute to design and administer a survey to gauge the overall satisfaction of the residents of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Introduced by Councilmember Posch

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

9) Old Business

- None

10) New Business

- None

11) 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.)

- **Petras:** Thanked the members of the former Charter Review Commission for their work and for coming to these hearings. City Council has spent about 21 hours reviewing the recommendations from the CRC over 8-9 months and he is familiar and comfortable with the changes, but he thinks more opportunity for comment would be great.
- **Russell:** Thanked the members of the CRC and Council for their hard work. All 7 members of Council have been looking at and reviewing the recommendations, but some councilmembers work and can't make it to every meeting.

12) Council President's Report

- This process started over 2 years ago; we are in the 99 percentiles of having discussed almost every thing in this document. There are a few things that came up towards the end that might be tweaked, but they are minor tweaks that are at the end of hundreds of hours of work between the CRC and Council. Every single conversation, both the commission and Council's hours, are available to view on the city's website.

13) Adjournment

End: 7:34 PM

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: November 3, 2025



Gail Larson
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council