



**August 4, 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: 8:16pm
- 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)**
 - None
- 5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**
 - None
- 6) Cleveland Heights Historical Society (10 min)**
 - Ken Goldberg spoke about helping the City with potential archival projects
- 7) MPACT Presentation on Severance Center (10 min)**
Ryan Porter

- Gave an update on the Severance Circle Plans

8) **Communications from the Mayor**

- Discussion is ongoing about the Park Synagogue Project and what the developers are asking regarding City funding. Gave an update as to where negotiations are currently.
- Gave his thoughts on revitalizing and redeveloping Cleveland Heights' neighborhoods. Spoke about potential agreements with Rebuild Cleveland to redevelop around 50 parcels in the city and another with YRM for around 20 parcels. Continue with the RFEI process for any remaining parcels.
- Gave his thoughts on the tentative agreement with the Local 860 union and the piece of legislation regarding this agreement in front of Council tonight; he would like Council to vote yes on this item tonight as he believes it is an agreement that will give the City leg up when it comes to recruiting and retention of City employees in this union.

9) **City Administrator's Report**

- None

10) **Departmental Report(s)**

- **Director Gonzalez** gave an update about the Cain Park ADA ramp. Underground work should be completed this week and the grading within the next couple of weeks. An estimated completion date of the beginning of October. The ADA bathroom update at Cain Park will begin soon. They are completing the Denison Turf project today, and the first practice on the field will be at 10am, and they will host a free soccer clinic tomorrow at 6pm, followed by an official opening of the field at 7pm. Pickle ball Court.... Contractors broke ground on the Denison Splash Pad project, and they hope to have the concrete portion of the pad completed by the end of next week.
- **Chief Britton** gave praise to all the hard-working members of our Police Department.

11) **Report of the Clerk of Council**

- None

12) 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

13) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Korbi Roberts	Resident	Shaker Lakes; Building department blue prints
Penny Allen	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Josie Krampitz	Resident	Police reform needed to use funding from DOJ in order to address police violence
Blanche Valancy	Resident	Announced Candidate forum at community center on 8/7/25
Melody Joy Hart	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Tom Hudak	Resident	Recall
Jose Quiles	Resident	Thunderbolt Auto
Eileen Ramerman	Resident	Thunderbolt Auto
CJ Nash	Resident	Residential and business retaliation; supporting the police
Michael Madorsky	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Lou Radivoevitch	Resident	Finances/Audit
James Bates	Resident	Recall
Erin Flanagan	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Jennifer Wintner	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Marty Gelfand	Resident	Shaker Lakes; Thunderbolt Auto

14) 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

ORDINANCE NO. 146-2025(F): First Reading Amended 08.04.2025. An Ordinance to repeal and replace certain subparagraphs of 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 Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Motion to amend: 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

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Peggy Spaeth 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: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2025(PD): First Reading Amended 08.04.2025. A Resolution declaring the necessity of implementing a public services plan for the Cedar-Fairmount Special Improvement District of Cleveland Heights, Ohio Inc.; 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

Motion to amend: Jim Petras

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Lorna Rudolph, Joe Mendes, and Kathy Flora to the Cedar-Fairmount Special Improvement District, Inc.'s Assessment Equalization Board; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 150-2025(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

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

ORDINANCE NO. 151-2025(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance to accept the tentative agreement in the matter of the City of Cleveland Heights and Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Local 860, SERB Case No. 2025-MED-01-0024; 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., Jim Petras, Jim Posch
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2025(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Panzica Construction to provide for the HVAC, electrical, and other related work necessary for the public improvement of replacing and upgrading the Division of Police's existing officer lockers; 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: Craig Cobb

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

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2025(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement or amendment thereto with All City Management Services, Inc. for crossing guard services through December 31, 2025; 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 Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing a second change order to the Agreement with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. as general contractor for the CH-9, CH-32, CH-57, and CH-58 SSO Control Projects; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 152-2025(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Subordination Agreement with Peoples Bancorp Inc. to subordinate the City's Mortgage on the real property located at 12426-12438 Cedar Road, Permanent Parcel No. 685-26-004, and owned by Cedar-Grandview Company; and declaring the necessity that this legislation becomes immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 153-2025(CRR): First Reading. An Ordinance amending the use regulations and rates for admission and other services for the Cleveland Heights Community Center, City parks, and Cumberland Pool for calendar years 2025 and 2026, and repealing Ordinance No. 125-2020.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
MOVED TO COMMITTEE

c. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 127-2025(HB): Second Reading. An Ordinance creating a new Chapter 1373, "Exterior Walls and Appurtenances; Parking Garages"; of Title Three, Local Provisions; of Part Thirteen, Building Code of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to include standards and provisions to regulate the structural integrity of building facades and garages within the City.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

NO VOTE

15) Committee Reports

- **Finance:** Next meeting is August 19 at 6pm
- **MSES:** Next meeting is August 13 at 10am
- **AS:** Announced vacancies on BZA, CAC, Commission on Aging, Landmark Commission, CESC, and Parks and Recs Youth Advisory Board.
- **PSH:** Will reschedule the meeting that was supposed to be on August 12.
- **PD:** Next meeting August 6, at 10:30am

16) Old Business

- **Posch:** Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Press Release
- **Mattox:** Spoke about Prentiss Place legislation

17) New Business

- **Posch:** Lower Lake/NEORSD
- **Cobb:** Thunderbolt Auto

18) 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.)

- **Russell:** Thanked Mr. Ivory for coming and Lou for expressing what she has been feeling about the city needing a forensic audit
- **Cobb:** The police department turned out tonight in response to a press

conference the Mayor held last week where he impugned the character and integrity of our Chief of Police and Law Department. This Council has done what they can to have the backs of our chief of police and of all the employees, including our law director. Our staff deserves better treatment.

- **Petras:** Council passed legislation to increase wages, and the employees are going paycheck after paycheck without getting the increases that they passed, and yet there are reports that leadership are getting their raises. Communication need to go out to staff members to inform them when the raises will happen.

19) Council President's Report

- Hopes people show up at the LWV Forum for the Mayoral primary.

20) Adjournment

End: 10:02 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: AUGUST 18, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: October 10, 2025



Gail Larson
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council