



August 18, 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: 8:30pm

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 agenda to include RES 166-2027, ORD 167-2025, and ORD 168-2025 to First Readings Only and RES 097-2025 to Third Readings: 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)

a. May 5, 2025

APPROVED

b. June 30, 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. Received a Notice to Legislative Authority that all Class C and D retail permits that sell alcoholic beverages will expire on October 1, 2025. To maintain permit privileges, every retail permit holder must file an online renewal application with the Division of Liquor Control.

To register a valid objection with the Division of Liquor Control and request a hearing, the legislative authority must pass a resolution that specifies the problems at the liquor permit premises and the legal grounds for the objection as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.292(A). Objections must be postmarked no later than September 2, 2025.

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
Lee Chilcote	Resident	ORD 166-2025 and OR 167-2025

11) Public Comment - General

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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
Tom Hudak	Resident	Recall
Josie Moore	Resident	Recall
Susan Efroymson	Resident	Recall
Amy Eugene	Resident	Recall
Judith Eugene	Resident	Violations by PW Department
Scott Weitzman	Resident	Zoning issue on his property
Lita Gonzalez	Resident	City lot behind Police Academy
Mia B.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Carrie C. E.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Michael C.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Edgar Mitchell	Resident	Clay pipes and tree roots
Lynn T.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Suzanne Z.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Steven V.	Other	Legal representation for immigrants
Rachel B.	Other	Legal representation for immigrants
Jeannine G.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
James Bates	Resident	Recall
Theo M.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Tom J.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Barbara Sosnowski	Resident	Safety within the Noble community
Veronica & Adan (translator)	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Jamie H.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Steve P.	Resident	Legal representation for

		immigrants
Sophia P.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Anurati J.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Barbara A.	Other	Legal representation for immigrants
Quinton Y.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Karly W.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Jugnu S.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Christopher Wood	Resident	Recall
Jose Quiles	Resident	Thunderbolt Parking
Sheila K.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Akshai S.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants
Raul M.	Resident	Legal representation for immigrants

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

ORDINANCE NO. 157-2025(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to amend 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

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GPD Group, for construction management and observation services relating to the 2025 Road Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

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. 159-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing a change order to the Agreement with Ronyak Paving, Inc. as general contractor for the 2025 Road 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. 160-2025(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing a change order to the Agreement with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. as general contractor for the North Park SSO Project; 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. 161-2025(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Dr. Arnold J. Feltoon to provide medical control services for the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio Jail facility; 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. 165-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution providing for a contribution in support of the 2025 Cleveland Heights Happy 5K, 10K, and Fun Run; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Petras, Vice President Russell, and Councilmember Mattox

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

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2025(PSH): First 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

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 167-2025(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Park Landlord LLC for a commercial development loan in the sum of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand

Dollars (\$1,250,000.00), to fund improvements to the real property located at 3300 Mayfield Road, Permanent Parcel Nos. 68434015, 68434014 and 68435025, and more commonly known as the Park Synagogue Campus; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 168-2025(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant agreement with Friends of Mendelsohn in the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), to fund trails, walkways, sidewalks, site lighting and landscaping improvements to the real property located at 3300 Mayfield Road, Permanent Parcel Nos. 68434015, 68434014 and 68435025, and more commonly known as the Park Synagogue Campus; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

c. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 152-2025(PD): Second 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

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

d. Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 127-2025(HB): Third Reading (As Amended). 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

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Motion to amend by substitution: 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. 097-2025(COTW): Third Reading (Amended

06.16.2025; Amended 08.18.2025). A Resolution expressing support for the Prentiss Place Transitional Living Facility for Homeless Women with Children Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

Motion to adopt:

Seconded:

Motion to amend by substitution: Davida Russell

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

e. **Consent Agenda**

Motion to suspend rules: Gail Larson

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: 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

RESOLUTION NO. 162-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing September 2025 as *Suicide Prevention Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 163-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming October 19 – 25, 2025, *National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 164-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing September 2025, as *National Service Dog Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Legislation passed on consent agenda

13) Committee Reports

- **MSES:** Update from the MSES meeting on August 13, 2025
- **F:** The committee meets tomorrow at 6:00pm
- **AS:** The committee will be meeting on August 25, 2025 to review the Boards/Commissions vacancies.
- **CRR:** Working on getting a date for the next CRR meeting
- **PSH:** The next meeting is tomorrow at 5pm.
- **PD:** Working on getting a date for the next PD meeting.

14) Old Business

- None

15) New Business

- **Mattox** will not make it to the Thursday Special COTW meeting
- **Russell** will not make it to the Thursday Special COTW meeting
- **Larson** said she will begin the process of vetting the legislation spoken about by residents tonight regarding legal representation for immigrants (Section 1 only at this time).

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.)

- **Mattox:** Thanked everybody for coming tonight to speak and for their patience, especially those who came to speak on behalf of those that cannot speak for themselves.
- **Petras:** Council passed legislation that included a pay raise, but no raises have been implemented yet. He also spoke about several fatal bicycle accidents that have happened in CH and about the funds that Council has allocated to street safety. He is appalled to hear that Lee Rd. will not be blocked off to vehicle traffic for the Halloween street festival and asks that residents reach out to the administration to complain about that.
- **Larson:** Spoke about what Council can do to help with the safety issues in the Noble area that continue to be brought up by residents. Mattox chimed in to agree and asked that the residents take pictures and take notes and report everything to the City; if you see something, say something.
- **Russell:** Vandalism in Noble cannot be tolerated, and we all need to be respectful of the area we live in.
- **Posch:** Will be speaking about the lack of operational security cameras in the City at his next PSH committee meeting.

17) Council President's Report

- Thanked those who stayed all the way through this meeting, and thanked Director Hanna and Clerk Balester for their long day as well.

- Spoke about the upcoming meetings regarding the NEORSD proposals for Shaker Lakes.

18) Adjournment

End: 10:25pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: October 10, 2025



Gail Larson
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council