



October 6, 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: 7:32 PM

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: None

Also Present: Mayor Cuda, Director Hanna, Administrator Dumas, 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) In Memoriam

RESOLUTION NO. 203-2025(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing the life and contributions of William "Bill" Hanavan; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Council President Larson

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

7) Communications from the Mayor

- Mayor Cuda gave remarks about his first week in the office of the Mayor.

8) City Administrator's Report

- Administrator Dumas gave her first report as City Administrator.

9) Departmental Report(s)

- None

10) Report of the Clerk of Council

- None

11) 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
Jennifer Wintner	Resident	ORD 175-2025 and ORD 176-2025

12) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Christopher Kendel	Other	Thanked Council and Mayor Cuda for their leadership and getting the city back on track
Karen Grochaw	Resident	Thanked Council and the Mayor for their hard work
Amy Eugene	Resident	Election issue
John Gall	Resident	Speed Bump on Taylor
Blanch Valancy	Resident	Encouraged voter participation in the upcoming Nov. 4 election
Erin Flanagan	Resident	Shaker Lakes- NEORSD Plans
Guy Thellian	Resident	Charter Amendment
James Bates	Resident	Thanked Council and Mayor Cuda

13) 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. 193-2025(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 Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 194-2025(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 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (“TLCI”) Implementation Grant Program to fund Phase 3 of the Taylor Road Corridor Road Reconfiguration 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 Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 195-2025(PD): First Reading. A Resolution supporting and authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund for a grant under the program, and to accept funding if awarded for the Attleboro-Shelburne trail, for the Doan Brook Restoration Park Improvements – Trails Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 196-2025(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Section 140.02, “Members,” of Chapter 140, “Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee,” of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 197-2025(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Section 150.02, "Members," of Chapter 150, "Transportation and Mobility Committee," of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 198-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Matt Alden as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals 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: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 199-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing, Adam May, Kasey Friedland, Illie Massey, Lorna Rudolph and Valarie Ross as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee 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: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 200-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Anne Salsich as a member of the Landmark Commission 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: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 201-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Patricia Smith, Wanda Owens and Colleen McGowan as members 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: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 202-2025(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Peter Whiting to fill an unexpired term as a member of the Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee 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: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 204-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing October 2025 as *Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2025(F): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Coventry Village Special Improvement District, Inc. ("Coventry Village SID") for advancement of funds to cover a 3% increase that was not added to the assessment; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Larson, Vice President Russell, Councilmembers Posch, Mattox, and Petras

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 206-2025(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) and a waiver of City permitting fees up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), in order 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 Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Jim Posch

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 207-2025(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Park Synagogue Borrower, LLC for a commercial development loan in the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), 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 Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Jim Posch

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 175-2025(PD): Second Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate purchase agreement for the sale of 45 vacant residential lots located within the City to FutureHeights, 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: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 176-2025(PD): Second Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate purchase agreement for the sale of 19 vacant residential lots located within the City to YRM Corp.; 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: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 184-2025(PD): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County for funding through the HOME Program for the City's affordable housing programs through 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: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

14) Committee Reports

- **PSH:** There will be a PSH Committee 10/7/2025 at 5pm.
- **F:** There will be a Finance Committee meeting on 10/14/2025 at 5pm.
- **PD:** There will be no PD Committee meeting in October. Stay tuned for a date in November for the next meeting.
- **MSES:** The next meeting is 10/13/2025 at 6pm.
- Council President Larson announced that Councilmember Mattox will now be on the Planning and Development Committee and the Administrative Services Committee, and Councilmember Posch will be Acting Chair of the Finance Committee.

15) Old Business

- None

16) New Business

- Russell asked the Mayor if Council now has permission to interact with Directors. Mayor Cuda says yes, Council will now have permission to contact/meet with Directors.

17) 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.)

- **Posch** thanked the residents of our community and while we have a ways to go, he sees a breath of fresh air and a path forward. He thanked Mayor Cuda for his efforts in his first week as Mayor.
- **Russell** wanted to clarify that she did not mean to make a political statement when asked a question last week by a resident.
- **Mattox** met with President Larson over the weekend, and he says it was an honor to be invited into her home. They had a conversation about where the Council is and where they want to go. He thought it was a great conversation and that they have some great plans for the future.

18) Council President's Report

- President Larson thanked the staff of this city for the work they do every day. Though this transition may be difficult, if we all work together, we can make a better place to live and work. Thanked the residents for their participation and welcomed them to contact her at any time. Tomorrow night Council will hold a Q&A Session at the Noble Library regarding the proposed Charter Amendment.

19) Adjournment

End: 8:50 PM

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: OCTOBER 20, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: December 1, 2025



Gail Larson
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council