



February 17, 2026
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

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

AGENDA - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 7:31 PM

- Meeting called to order by Vice President Larson

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

Excused:

Also Present: Mayor Petras, Director Hanna, Administrator Reese, Director Brodzinski, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

- None

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

- None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. December 1, 2025

APPROVED
MATTER OF RECORD

b. December 15, 2025

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MATTER OF RECORD

6) Mayoral Proclamation(s)

- Presented a proclamation to Brian LAST NAME for his time as the owner of Brian's Marathon on Lee Rd., which recently transferred ownership.

7) Communications from the Mayor

- Announced a watch party for Cleveland Heights native Laila Edwards/Team USA Women's Hockey Gold Medal Match.
- Black History Month Celebration this weekend
- HR Director Confirmation Hearing was at 5:00pm this evening before the regular COTW

Motion to authorize to bid project #26-01: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Jessica Cohen

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

8) City Administrator's Report

Michael Reese

- Gave a brief update on his two weeks as City Administrator for Cleveland Heights and what he has been doing to get up to speed on everything in Cleveland Heights.

9) Departmental Report(s)

a. Director Joseph Brodzinski, *Finance Department*

- Gave a brief update on his two weeks as Finance Director and what he has been doing to get up to speed on Cleveland Heights' current finances.

b. Parks and Recreation Department
Suzanne Conway, *Cain Park Manager*

- Gave a brief update on her first three weeks as Cain Park Manager and gave an overview of what the 2026 season holds for Cain Park programming

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. Comments unrelated to the agenda may be made after Committee Reports.

- None

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. 034-2026(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the sale of three improved parcels of residential real property located within the city to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Jessica Cohen

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2026(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Chagrin Valley Dispatch for the purchase of in-car and portable radios for nine (9) 2025 Ford Utility Hybrid Police Interceptors for the Police Department; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Jessica Cohen

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2026(F): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing amendment to existing agreement with ADP, Inc. for payroll processing services for the City's Finance Department; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Jessica Cohen

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 037-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Best Equipment Co. for the acquisition of a Petersen TL3 Lightning Loader (aka claw truck) for the Refuse Division of the Department of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 038-2026(PSH): *First Reading.* A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Urban SDK for the provision of geospatial AI solutions and roadway data in support of the City's safety, planning, and operational analysis initiatives; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

READ INTO THE RECORD
MOVED TO COMMITTEE

c. ***Second Readings***

RESOLUTION NO. 028-2026(PSH): *Second Reading.* A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Green Home Solutions, LLC, a certified lead abatement contractor, for the use of Lead Safe Ohio (LSO) Grant funds in connection with the abatement of lead-based paint hazards at the home located upon permanent parcel number 684-01-117; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Joe DeWitt-Foy

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2025(CRR): *Second Reading.* A Resolution providing for a contribution in support of the Heights Schools Foundation's "Fitness Under the Lights" event; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Joe DeWitt-Foy

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

d. Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend rules: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Joe DeWitt-Foy

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Joe DeWitt-Foy

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing March 2026 as *Red Cross Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 040-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing March 2026 as *Women's History Month* and March 8, 2026 as *International Women's Day*; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

Passed on consent agenda

13) Committee Reports

- The next **Finance Committee** meeting will be on Monday, February 23, at 6 pm.
- The next **Public Safety and Health Committee** meeting will be on Monday, February 23, at 7 pm.
- Chair Cohen gave an update from the **Planning and Development** committee from last week, where they discussed the contract with ZoneCo for our Zoning Code update and the timeline regarding the Severance Center Zoning proposal. The next meeting is on March 9, at 5 pm.

- The next **Admin Service Committee** meeting will be on Monday, February 23, at 5 pm.
- Chair Larson gave an update from the **Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability Committee** meeting from last week, where they discussed Public Works loose-leaf pickup plans for the remaining lawn waste that was not picked up prior to the snow we received. The next meeting is on March 9, at

14) Old Business

- None

15) New Business

Motion to move the Monday, March 2, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, March 3, 2026: Jessica Cohen

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion to appoint Sarah Stone to City Council: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Jessica Cohen

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda

No: None

Abstain: None

16) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
James Williams	Resident	Read a poem and sang a song
Jason Smith	Resident	Questions about the legislation process

John Gall	Resident	Questions about the traffic project at Fairmount/South Taylor
Akshai Singh	Resident	Immigrant Rights
Edgar Mitchell	Resident	General Topics/Representation on Council
Anastasiya Kurylyuk	Resident	Immigrant Rights
Johnmark Wisniewski	Resident	Immigrant Rights
Svitlana Zoyconolrayeva	Resident	Immigrant Rights
Natalie Davis	Resident	Immigrant Rights

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.)

- Councilmember DeWitt-Foy is excited about the Black History Month event and hopes to see everybody there. He thanked Cleveland Heights 4 Immigrant Rights for their work in the community, and he thanked Councilmember Cohen for taking on legislation opposing several bills currently being considered in the State House.
- Councilmember Cohen spoke about the draft of legislation in opposition to several bills currently being considered in the State House, and she will be working with the Law Department on that draft. She also spoke about legislation she will be working on to expand the Planning Commission's authority over the approval/disapproval of park projects. Thanked Todd Walburn, the City's Mayor's Action Center Coordinator, for the job he does helping residents every day! She also said that while she differs in her approach to tackling the current conversation around immigrant rights, she is just as passionate.
- Vice President Larson announced the Cleveland International Film Festival will return to its original location at Cedar-Lee Theater, which will host several events during the festival.

18) Council President's Report

- Council President Cuda reflected on the life of Reverend Jesse Jackson.

19) Adjournment

End: 8:52 pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MARCH 2, 2026