



**November 17, 2025  
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: 7:39 PM
- 2) Roll Call of Council Members**  
**Present:** Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch, Zenobia Sheets  
**Excused:** None  
**Also Present:** Administrator Dumas, 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) Communications from the Mayor**
  - None
- 7) City Administrator's Report**
  - Administrator Dumas gave her report during Communications

- She will be having a meeting with Law to discuss compliance issues regarding public records requests that have come in recently
- She will be following up with Communications regarding posting the contracts between \$7,500-\$50,000
- The administration will be doing an inventory of vehicles and their current assignments.
- They will be working on new packaging for requests of the Law Department.
- Working on

**8) Departmental Report(s)**

- The Department of Public Works gave an update presentation on the parking lot dispute at the public works service lot and the neighboring business (Thunderbolt Auto).

**9) Report of the Clerk of Council**

- On Friday, November 14th the Clerk's office sent out nearly 500 legal notices for a public hearing on the Severance Overlay Zone on December 15, 2025 at 5pm.

**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                        |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Remmer | Resident                    | RES 214-2025: NABA Agreement |

**11) Public Comment - General**

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**Speakers**

| Name                 | Resident/Board Member/Other | Topic           |
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| Nicole Cintron Ortiz | Other                       | Immigrant right |

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| Selen Gotay       | Other    | Immigrant rights                                 |
| Rochelle Wolfe    | Other    | Immigrant rights                                 |
| Jacquelyn Remmer  | Resident | Thunderbolt Auto                                 |
| Jose Quiles       | Other    | Thunderbolt Auto                                 |
| Eileen Ramerman   | Resident | Thunderbolt Auto                                 |
| Edgar Mitchell    | Resident | Nela View Sewers and house with trash on Goodnor |
| Rachel Bhagal     | Other    | Immigrant rights                                 |
| Jamie Hickner     | Resident | Immigrant rights                                 |
| Douglas Whipple   | Resident | Severance Town Centre                            |
| Matthew Keri      | Resident | ORD 226-2025 and 227-2025                        |
| Lawrence Bradley  | Resident | Blanche Ave. Extension Project                   |
| Lou Radivoyevitch | Resident | Brick road repair—Middlehurst                    |
| Harriet Applegate | Resident | Zoning overlay                                   |
| Catherine Dahlem  | Resident | Zoning overlay                                   |
| Jennifer Wintner  | Resident | Severance Zoning                                 |
| James Williams    | Resident | General comments                                 |

## 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. 230-2025(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.

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 231-2025(PSH): First Reading.** An Ordinance authorizing the sale of K-9 Officer Dodo to his handler for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00); 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:** Davida Russell

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 233-2025(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sosis Painting & Remodeling, 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 Permanent Parcel Number (PPN) 681-11-011; providing compensation therefor; 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, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 234-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Helen Hertz as a member of the Community Improvement Corporation of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

**Motion to adopt:** Jim Petras

**Seconded:** Zenobia Sheets

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 235-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution confirming

the Mayor's appointment of Linda Striefsky as a member of the Community Improvement Corporation of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

**Motion to adopt:** Zenobia Sheets

**Seconded:** Jim Petras

**Yes:** Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Petras, Jim Posch, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 236-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing Natalie Davis as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill a vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026; 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, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 237-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing Gary Benjamin as the alternate member of the Fair Practices Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2027; 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, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 238-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing Mohammad Irfan 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, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 239-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing Rachel Moore as a member 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, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 240-2025(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville for the purchase of four (4) 2026 Chevrolet Equinox EV's for the Planning and Development Department and Communications Department; waiving competitive bidding; 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, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**b. First Readings Only**

**ORDINANCE NO. 241-2025(F): First Reading.** An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

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**c. Second Readings**

**RESOLUTION NO. 224-2025(CRR): Second Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with CXT, Inc., a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing vendor, for the purchase and installation of a precast concrete bathroom for Denison Park; 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, Zenobia Sheets

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 225-2025(HB): Second Reading.** An Ordinance amending Part Thirteen, Building Code, of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to update the City's regulations regarding public notice for the Architectural Board of Review.

Introduced by Mayor Cuda

**Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

**Seconded:** Zenobia Sheets

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**d. Third Readings**

**RESOLUTION NO. 214-2025(PD): Third Reading.** A Resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the Noble Area Business Association; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

**Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

**Seconded:** Davida Russell

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

**No:** None

### **LEGISLATION PASSED**

#### **13) Committee Reports**

- **F:** Next meeting is tomorrow (11/17) at 5pm; will discuss the 2026 budget and other finance issues.
- **AS:** Committee meeting will be moved from the last Monday of the month to December. Announced several vacancies that we currently have on our boards/commissions. Applications can be found on the city website.
- **PD:** The next meeting is Wednesday, 11/19 at 10:30am to discuss the Taylor Merchants Association and the Severance Overlay Zone.
- **MSES:** Next meeting is tomorrow (11/17) at 6pm.

#### **14) Old Business**

- None

#### **15) New Business**

- Cobb will be asking that the 2026 Budget be modified to include an arts study to supplement what is in the legislation for Noble Rd.

#### **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.)

- Cobb spoke about how he has voted for every piece of legislation that has come before council that improves or funds improvements for the Noble Neighborhood. Council allocated \$300k for the Coventry SID in November of 2024 and those funds are just now being spent/allocated. Council has not given any money to the Cedar-Lee District or the Cedar-Fairmount District. The legislative process is slow, but there has been no intentional delay on the part of City Council or the administration.
- Mattox says he doesn't have to convince the public that he cares about Noble, they know he is there.
- Sheets asks that the Taylor Merchants be active in the process; speak about your requests, be present, and be prepared every step.
- Russell clarified her statement that all the critiques from Council were not brought up at the same time; there were several PD Committee meetings and any reservations or scrutiny should have come earlier and at the same time so that things could have moved faster. In that case, those issues could be addressed more rapidly and at the same time so that we didn't have to keep going back and forth.

#### **17) Council President's Report**

- Effective Jan 1, 2026 there will be a vacancy on Council. Council will be accepting applications for the Council seat from December 1, 2025 to December 15, 2025.
- At his request Petras will be removed from the Administrative Services Committee for the remainder of the year and President Larson will fill in in his place.

#### **18) Adjournment**

End: 9:24 PM

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: DECEMBER 1, 2025**

**MINUTES APPROVED: February 02, 2026**




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Tony Cuda  
President of Council

*Addie Balester*

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Clerk of Council