



**March 3, 2026  
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: 7:39 PM

**2) Roll Call of Council Members**

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

**Excused:** None

**Absent:** Mayor Petras, Director Hanna, Administrator Reese, Clerk Balester

**3) Excuse absent members**

- None

**4) Oath of Office Administered to New Councilmember**

- Newly appointed Councilmember Sarah Stone was ceremonially sworn in. She was officially sworn in by Law Director Hanna on February 19, 2026.

**5) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)**

- None

**6) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**

a. January 7, 2026

b. January 12, 2026

**APPROVED**

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c. January 20, 2026

**APPROVED**

**7) Communications from the Mayor**

- Recognized Mr. Chuck Williams as a special guest, and the Mayor was excited to see that he was recognized at the city's recent Black History celebration.

**8) City Administrator's Report**

- Gave an update on parking garages; the Coventry garage elevator will be fixed within the next 4–6 weeks. The Cedar-Lee garage elevator will continue to be out of service because we cannot repair it; it must be replaced. The company doing repairs to the community center elevator has parts on back order, so it is taking longer than expected.
- Will be going on a tour of the neighborhoods of Cleveland Heights with resident Ronda Davis-Lovejoy
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety; annual resurfacing and major/long-term projects in partnership with the Transportation and Mobility Committee
- Just entered into a short-term relationship with Thunderbolt Auto for them to use part of the public works parking lot while a lease agreement is being worked out

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

**Speakers**

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Sarah	Resident	RES 038-2026: Urban SDK Contract; opposed to the use of AI and Urban SDK's tools

**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**

**RESOLUTION NO. 041-2026(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with TEMA Roofing Services, LLC (“TEMA”) for design and construction services for the public improvement of replacing the lower roof of the Alma Theater at Cain Park; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Gail Larson

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 042-2026(MSES): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Daimler Truck North America through its authorized distributor, Cleveland Freightliner, Inc., for the acquisition of a Freightliner 114SD Plus Chassis with ARM Commercial Dump Truck for the Streets 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

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Craig Cobb

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 043-2026(MSES): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Classic Ford Mentor for the acquisition of a 2026 Ford F350 Crew Cab Short Box 4 x 4 Truck for the Streets 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

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Jessica Cohen

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 044-2026(MSES): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with International Motors, LLC through Southwest International Trucks, Inc. for the acquisition of a new MV607 SBA International Hot Box Combo for the Streets 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

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Jim Posch

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 045-2026(MSES): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to accept funds under the 2026 Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program for the Overlook Road Area and SSO-46 Control

Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Craig Cobb

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 046-2026(PSH): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) for a grant under the Safe Routes to Schools (“SRTS”) Grant Program to fund a bicycle boulevard running from Canterbury Elementary School to Roxboro Schools Campus 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 Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Jim Posch

**Yes:** Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Posch, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Tony Cuda, Sarah Stone

**No:** None

**Abstain:** Jessica Cohen

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 047-2026(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution declaring the intent of the City of Cleveland Heights to finance, to the extent necessary, the construction of a new outdoor municipal pool and to pursue all available funding sources to offset local costs; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Jessica Cohen

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 048-2026(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing Samia Azizuddin as a member of the Transportation and Mobility 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, Council President Cuda, and Council Vice President Larson

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Craig Cobb

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 049-2026(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution reappointing Sam Bell, Chris Brace, Patrick Crago, Fern Haught, Gayle Lewin, and Howard Maier as members of the Transportation and Mobility 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, Council President Cuda, and Council Vice President Larson

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Craig Cobb

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 050-2026(COTW): First Reading.** A Resolution opposing the passage of Ohio House Bills 26, 42, and 281 and Ohio Senate Bill 172 which would require local law enforcement agencies and other entities to assist United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in its operations; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers and Mayor Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Jim Posch

**Seconded:** Jessica Cohen

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 051-2026(PD): First Reading.** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to Tower Lease Agreement with T-Mobile Central, LLC for the use of a portion of City-owned property located at 4200 Superior Road for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of a wireless communications facility and the grant of associated licenses and easements; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 053-2026(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Dee Weber as the Director of Human Resources, commencing upon her confirmation; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Jim Posch

**Seconded:** Jessica Cohen

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**b. First Readings Only**

**RESOLUTION NO. 052-2026(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime through the Omnia cooperative purchasing program for the installation of a Tot Playground at Denison Park; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**c. Second Readings**

**RESOLUTION NO. 037-2026(MSES): Second 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

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Joe DeWitt-Foy

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 038-2026(PSH): *Second 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

**Motion to adopt:** Jim Posch

**Seconded:** Joe DeWitt-Foy

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

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**13) Committee Reports**

- **Planning and Development:**
- **Community Relations and Recreation:**
- **Municipal Services:**
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**14) Public Comment - General**

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**Speakers**

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Lee Barbee	Resident	Representation on City Council

Miriam Hoshafian	Resident	Representation on City Council
Amy Eugene	Resident	Representation on City Council
Lou Radivoyevitch	Resident	Representation on City Council
Zenobia Sheets	Resident	Olympic Gold Medalist Laila Edwards

**15) Old Business**

- None

**16) New Business**

**Motion to appoint Councilwoman Jessica Cohen and Daniel Waters to the CIC Area Housing Council:** Craig Cobb  
**Seconded:** Gail Larson

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

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**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.

- **Gail Larson** spoke about Women's History Month and announced that, unfortunately, this year, the Council was not able to host an event this year, but she will be asking for funding in Council's budget for next year.
- **Joe DeWitt-Foy** spoke about Cleveland Heights being recognized as a bicycle-friendly community but wants to see the City do even better in future years. He thanked everyone for coming tonight and encouraged residents to continue coming and speaking to Council.
- **Jessica Cohen** congratulated Laila Edwards on bringing home Gold to Cleveland Heights and her trailblazing efforts. She reflect on the Jewish Holiday of Purim that was just celebrated this past weekend.

**18) Council President's Report**

- Thanked everybody for coming out tonight and encouraged everybody to come out anytime!

**19) Adjournment**

End: 8:37 PM

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MARCH 16, 2026**

**MINUTES APPROVED: APRIL 6, 2026**



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Tony Cuda  
President of Council



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Addie Balester  
Clerk of Council