



March 16, 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: 7:49 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

**Also present:** Mayor Petras, Director Hanna, Administrator Reese, Chief Britton, Clerk Balester

**3) Excuse absent members**

- None

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

- None

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

a. February 2, 2026

**APPROVED**

b. February 3, 2026

**APPROVED**

c. February 17, 2026

**APPROVED**

**6) CHUH Student Report**

- Gave an update on everything happening at CHUH School District

**7) Communications from the Mayor**

- Gave an update on his trip to Columbus to meet with State Legislators to discuss capital funding for the Cumberland Pool update
- Dee Weber, the new Director of Human Resources, started today
- The City is creating a Cumberland Pool Facility Task Force; the application deadline is March 19, 2026.
- NABA Agreement was signed...
- The Edwards family confirmed their interest in having a parade in Laila's honor later this year, so stay tuned for more info!

Requested Permission to Bid Project #26-02: Pavement Striping Project - 2026, 2027 & 2028

**Motion to authorize permission to bid:** Jessica Cohen

**Seconded:** Jim Posch

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

**No:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

**8) City Administrator's Report**

- Has continued to meet with and develop relationships with residents, staff, and council members.
- Working on next steps regarding the EPA Consent Decree

**9) Departmental Report(s)**

- Chief Britton gave an update on an incident involving ICE in the City on February 28, 2026.

**10) Report of the Clerk of Council**

- Thanked the City's safety forces and public works department for their hard work over the weekend, clearing downed tree limbs and other debris caused by the storms

**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
Zenobia Sheets	Resident	RES 059-2026: CDBG Annual Action Plan

**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. 054-2026(AS): First Reading (Amended by Substitution 03.16.2026).** An Ordinance establishing the Cumberland Pool Facility Task Force; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Motion to amend by substitution:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Gail Larson

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

**No:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

**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. 055-2026(COTW): First Reading.** A Resolution calling on the State Legislature of Ohio to pass legislation to allow for the creation of a Community Energy Pilot Program in Ohio; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

**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**

**ORDINANCE NO. 060-2026(F): First Reading.** An Ordinance establishing salary schedules, position classifications, and other compensation and benefits for officers and employees of the City; 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, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda, Sarah Stone

**No:** None

**Recused:** Jim Posch

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 064-2026(MSES): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to provide services necessary for compliance with Minimum Control Measures #1 and #2 of the Ohio EPA National EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Jim Posch

**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. 056-2026(MSES): First Reading.** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to apply for and accept one or more Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2026 Energized Community Grants; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**ORDINANCE NO. 057-2026(MSES): First Reading.** An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to establish an opt-in natural gas program pursuant to Section 4929.27(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code, jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 058-2026(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment to an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to prepare a Housing Needs Assessment; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 059-2026(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2026; 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. 052-2026(CRR): Second 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

**Motion to adopt:** Jessica Cohen

**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. 031-2026(CRR): Second Reading (Amended 03.16.2026).** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to lease an unoccupied room within the City's Recreation Center located at 1 Monticello Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118; finding that the room is not needed for public use; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Motion to adopt:** Jim Posch

**Seconded:** Craig Cobb

**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): Second 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 14200 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

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Sarah Stone

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

**No:** None

**Recused:** Jessica Cohen, Jim Posch

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**d. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to suspend rules:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Craig Cobb

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

**No:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

**Motion to adopt:** Sarah Stone

**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. 061-2026(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming April 6-10, 2026 to be *National Community Development Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

**Passed on consent agenda**

**RESOLUTION NO. 062-2026(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution joining with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and communities throughout the nation in the observation of April 2026 as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to fair housing; 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. 063-2026(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming April 2026 to be *National Poetry Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Councilmembers

**Passed on consent agenda**

**13) Committee Reports**

- **CRR:** Will meet next Monday, March 23, at 7 pm for an update on the PROS Master Plan.
- **Finance:** The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be next Monday, March 23, at 5 pm.
- **MSES:** Update from the March 9, 2026, Committee meeting, where an update was given on the work done so far for the EPA Consent Decree. The next meeting will be April 13, 2026, at 7 pm.
- **AS:** The next meeting of the Committee will be next Monday, March 23, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
- **PD:** Gave an update from the March 9, 2026, Committee meeting, where an update was given on ADUs. The PD meetings will be moving to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5 pm.
- **HB:** The next committee meeting will be on April 13, 2026, at 5 pm.

**14) Public Comment - General**

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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Resident/Board Member/Other</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Stacey Ferguson	Resident	Community events
Sean Herman	Resident	Flock cameras
Barbara Sosnowski	Resident	Debris at 2646 Noble Rd (trash etc); planters along Noble Rd.
Marlene Goldheimer	Resident	Flock cameras and police encounters with ICE
Sonya Charles	Resident	Ranked Choice Voting on the November ballot
Danialle Benham	Resident	Snow removal on sidewalks and distressed

		property in the Noble neighborhood
Christopher Wood	Resident	Flock cameras
Lou Radivoyevitch	Resident	City's YouTube channel and public meetings (CIC/other zoning/development-related meetings)
John Wesp	Resident	Flock cameras and immigrant rights
Bill Bruml	Resident	Interactions between CHPD and ICE
Quinton Yoder	Resident	Flock cameras and immigrant rights

**15) Old Business**

- None

**16) New Business**

- 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 the time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda, the time of evening, or other similar factors.

- **Jessica Cohen** spoke about draft legislation regarding the use of Flock Cameras by our Police Department.
- **Joe DeWitt-Foy** congratulated all the student-athletes in the school district for advancing to the state tournaments and for their accomplishments.

**18) Council President's Report**

- Thanked Emmanuel for his student report.
- Announced the first Arts Commission meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm

**19) Adjournment**

End: 9:07 PM

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: APRIL 6, 2026**

**MINUTES APPROVED: APRIL 6, 2026**

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Tony Cuda  
President of Council

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Addie Balester  
Clerk of Council