



April 6, 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: 7:37 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, Administrator Reese, Director Hanna, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

- None

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

Motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution Nos. 076-2026 and 077-2026 to First Reading - Consideration of Adoption Requested: 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

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. February 17, 2026

APPROVED

b. March 3, 2026

APPROVED

c. March 16, 2026

APPROVED

d. March 26, 2026

APPROVED

6) NEORSD Presentation

- Matt Scharver from NEORSD gave an update on the Lower Shaker Laker Dam Maintenance project. NEORSD will be installing additional rip rap [stone] along the shoreline of the lower lake.
- Matt Scharver from NEORSD gave an update on the Doan Brook Restoration at Horseshoe Lake Project. NEORSD is still in the permitting process for this project; no construction has started. Construction is scheduled to start Fall/Winter 2026.
- He also gave an update on tree removal and replacement.

7) Communications from the Mayor

- On March 17, 2026, 5 bids were received for the 2026 Road Pavement Program. The lowest bid was from Karvo Companies for \$3,360,365.00.
- There is a backlog of potholes that need to be filled, and we now have two crews working on filling them; the City is looking into the most efficient ways to get them fixed.
- The Mayor encouraged anyone who needs legal help with immigration to visit the City's website, where we have a list of resources available.
- Thanked Mr. Scharver for coming in to update us on the projects going on at Shaker Lakes.
- Spoke a bit about the current status of the City's finances.

8) Proclamations and Honors

a. 100th Anniversary of the Cedar-Lee Theater

- The Mayor read a proclamation for the Cedar-Lee Theater's 100th Anniversary. Accepted by Sean Denny, Director of Operations for Cleveland Cinemas.

9) City Administrator's Report

- Cleveland International Film Festival
- He will be looking forward to City Events in Cleveland Heights
- Update on the main elevator at the Community Center
- Roof leaks at the Community Center were noticed after the heavy rain we just received. Minor roof repairs are underway. However, the issue is the gutter/drain system, and an assessment is underway.
- The Administration is working on adjusting policies and practices regarding hiring and purchasing passenger vehicles.
- A written report will be provided in September 2026 as per the Charter requirement.

10) Departmental Report(s)

- The City Events Coordinator, Jami Taylor, gave an update on the summer events that the City has been planning.
- Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day Celebration at the Cumberland War Memorial
- Sunday, June 14th - Juneteenth Celebration
- Saturday, June 27th - Pride in the Park
- The spring egg hunt was a huge success, and they got a lot of great feedback.

11) Report of the Clerk of Council

- Informed the Council that a notice was received of a new D5 liquor permit for Perfect4U located at 3640 Mayfield Rd. This matter has been referred to the Mayor and Chief of Police.

12) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

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Speakers

Sarah Louise	Resident	RES 073-2026: Flock Cameras
Anthony Miozzi	Resident	RES 073-2026: Flock Cameras

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

RESOLUTION NO. 066-2026(HB): First Reading. A Resolution declaring the fire-damaged property at 3304 Altamont Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Sarah Stone

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 067-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Rush Truck Center for the acquisition of two (2) 2026 International HV507 Cab and Chassis for the Street Maintenance and Sewer Divisions 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: Jessica Cohen

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. 068-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Southeastern Equipment Company for the acquisition of a BOMAG Model BW120SL-5 Roller for the Street Maintenance 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: Jim Posch

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 069-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Kleis Equipment for the acquisition of 2026 Bandit 15XP Chipper for the Forestry 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: Jim Posch

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. 070-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Judco Truck Equipment for the acquisition of two (2) 11-Foot Stainless Steel Dump Bodies with Salt Spreader and Plow Package for the Street Maintenance and Sewer Divisions 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: Jessica Cohen

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 071-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Macqueen for the acquisition of a 2026 40 yd. McNeilus Atlantic Automated Front Loader 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: 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

ORDINANCE NO. 072-2026(F): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 060-2026, "2026 Wage and Salary Ordinance," to establish rates for Cain Park, to update various Parks & Recreation positions, rates, and job classifications and to create the position of City Engineer; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb
Seconded: Gail Larson

Recused: Jim Posch

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Joe DeWitt-Foy, Jessica Cohen, Tony Cuda, Sarah Stone
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 073-2026(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution clarifying policies and procedures related to the City of Cleveland Heights' use of automated license plate reader technology; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmembers Cohen, Posch, De-Witt Foy, and Stone, and Council President Cuda, Council Vice President Larson, and Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Jessica Cohen
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. 076-2026(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Timothy Gorham as a citizen member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH to fill a vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term; 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: Joe DeWitt-Foy

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. 077-2026(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Joyce Braverman, Daniel Budin, Maya Evans, Karley Johnson, Robert Kaminski, Robin Koslen, Margaret Lan, Deanne Lentz, Adam May, Jazmyn Moses, Diana Ninsiima-Mafigiri, Meghan Wingenfeld, and Erin Witschey to the Cleveland Heights Cumberland Pool Facilities Task Force; 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: Sarah Stone

Recused: Jim Posch

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 074-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Farnham Equipment

Company for the purchase and installation of new ADA-compliant bleachers for the Forest Hill Baseball Complex; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 075-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with KWK, LLC d/b/a Deluxe Outdoor Services in order to furnish the labor, materials, equipment, and associated landscaping services necessary for the 2026 Facilities Landscape and Gardening Services; 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. 056-2026(MSES): Second 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

Motion to adopt: Jessica Cohen

Seconded: Sarah Stone

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 057-2026(MSES): Second 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

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. 058-2026(PD): Second 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

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Sarah Stone

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

No: Craig Cobb

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 059-2026(PD): Second 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

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

14) Committee Reports

- The next **Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability Committee** will be on April 13 at 6:30 pm.
- Update from the **Public Safety and Health Committee** meeting on March 26, 2026.
- Update from the **Community Relations and Recreation Committee** meeting on March 23, 2026; the next meeting will not be until the regularly scheduled May meeting
- The **Housing and Building Committee** will meet on April 13 at 5:00 pm.
- **Planning and Development....**

15) 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

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
James O'Hare	Resident	Protocols for decision making; storm/wastewater
Gail Bromley	Resident	NEORSD
Jeff McManus	Resident	NEORSD
Korbi Roberts	Other	Shaker Lakes
Jennifer Wintner	Resident	NEORSD
Lorraine Schuchart	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Andrew Saltzman	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Penny Allen	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Kim Carroll	Resident	NEORSD
Tiffany Massing	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Kevin Charnas	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Joseph Charnas	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Lee Barbee	Resident	Ward-based Council
Edgar Mitchell	Resident	Thanked the City for their help with a problem he has had
Bert Stratton	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Anthony Cumberworth	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Ed Weinfurner	Other	Shaker Lakes
Thomas Gilchrist	Resident	
Amy Gilchrist	Resident	NEORSD
Lou Radivoyevitch	Resident	\$850k Grant for Blanche Extension Program
George Parras	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Harriet Applegate	Resident	CH4ImmigrantRights issue at No Kings protest
Robin Koslen	Resident	Constructive Communication
Guy Thellian	Resident	Flock Cameras
Ed Weinfurter	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Christine Heggie	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Quinton Yoder	Resident	February 28
Walter Thiem	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Halle Moore	Resident	Shaker Lakes

16) Old Business

- None

17) New Business

- None

18) 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.)

- **Jessica Cohen** thanked the Administration for its efforts on the State Capital Budget to support our application for \$1 million for Cumberland Pool. She thinks this is an excellent first step.

19) Council President's Report

- None

20) Executive Session

- To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, as necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.*
- To discuss with an attorney for the public body, claims or disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending court action, or in the judgment of such attorney, appear likely to be the subject of a future court action or claim.*

21) Adjournment

End: 10:49 PM

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: APRIL 20, 2026

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 4, 2026



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council