



**April 20, 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: 7:36 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
- 3) Excuse absent members**
 - None
- 4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)**
 - None
- 5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**
 - None
- 6) CHUH Student Report**
 - Bailey Evans, a freshman at Heights High gave a brief report about what is happening at Heights High.
- 7) Presentation(s)**

- a. Legal Aid
- b. Catholic Charities
- c. AMIS

8) Proclamations and Honors

- a. Lutheran East Boys Basketball

9) Communications from the Mayor

- The Mayor took a moment of silence to recognize a student in our community who tragically passed away.
- Spoke briefly about the 2026 road resurfacing program and thanked the council for increasing the budget from \$2.4 million to \$5.1 million; we now have two crews out full-time fixing potholes. Starting Wednesday, there will be a unionized contractor crew also working, so there will be three crews working full-time to try and address all the work that is out there.
- There is a screening of Greenprint at the Noble Library at 6:30 pm on 4/21
- On Friday [4/24] at 9:30 am at Cumberland, there will be a ceremony for Arbor Day
- Requests permission to bid Project #26-03 Hillside Dairy Public Works Yard Improvements Project:

Motion to authorize to bid Project #26-03: Gail Larson

Seconded: Jessica Cohen

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

10) City Administrator's Report

- Provided an update on the Administration's new internal legislative meeting, which is intended to take a more proactive approach to legislation and policy matters.
- The Mayor and staff met with Millennium Strategies to discuss opportunities to maximize grant funding going forward.
- Coordinated with the Mayor and Director Clinkscale to secure a third pothole repair crew beginning Wednesday, April 22.
- Worked with Public Works and Planning & Development to advance the Hillside Dairy Demolition Project. The Mayor will read into the record tonight a request for permission to bid on the project. Anticipated next steps include:
 - April 23 and April 30: Project advertisement
 - May 7: Bid opening
 - Following bid opening: Update to City Council
 - May/June: Budget adjustment for project completion (amount TBD)
 - June: Contract finalization
 - June–August: Site abatement, demolition, and security

11) Departmental Report(s)

- None

12) Report of the Clerk of Council

- None

13) 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

14) 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. 078-2026(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

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. 079-2026(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for road salt for the 2026-2027 winter season; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

Motion to adopt: Jessica Cohen

Seconded: Jim Posch

Discussion: Council member Cohen thanked the Mayor and Director Clinkscale on their continued work on improving our processes when it comes to the use of road salt.

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. 081-2026(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with American Builders & Applicators, a certified lead abatement contractor, for the use of HOME Investment Partnership funds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in connection with a Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program at Permanent Parcel Number (PPN) 682-34-010; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 082-2026(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Mac's Backs Bookstore, Inc. for the lease of 1807 Coventry Road; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Petras

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 083-2026(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution determining that support of the 2026 Heights Music Hop is in furtherance of a proper public purpose; authorizing a contribution of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to FutureHeights, Inc. in support of the 2026 Heights Music Hop; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Council President Cuda

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 084-2026(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution determining that support of the 2026 Heights Tiger 5k and Fun Run is in furtherance of a proper public purpose; authorizing a contribution of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to the CHUH School District PTA in support of the 2026 Heights Tiger 5k and Fun Run.

Introduced by Councilmember DeWitt-Foy

READ INTO THE RECORD

c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 074-2026(CRR): Second 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

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. 075-2026(MSES): Second 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

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

d. Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend the rules: 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: 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. 085-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming May 2026 to be *Mary Dunbar Bike 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 Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 086-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May 3 – May 9, 2026 to be *Professional Municipal Clerks Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 087-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May 4-8, 2026, as *Air Quality Awareness Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 088-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May, 2026 as *National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 089-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing May 2026 to be *Mental Health Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 090-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming May 2026 as *Jewish American Heritage Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 091-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming May 2026 to be *Military Appreciation 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 Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 092-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution declaring May 2026 *National Preservation Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 093-2026(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing April 28, 2026, as *National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All City Council Members and Mayor Petras

Passed on consent agenda

15) Committee Reports

- **MSES:** The next meeting is Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. The next Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 4:00 p.m. The Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting will be scheduled later in April. The City will hold its annual Arbor Day tree planting on Friday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m. at Cumberland Park. The City has partnered with Heights Tree People and CHUH to celebrate the Arbor Day Foundation's 50th anniversary.
- **Planning & Development (P&D):** The next meeting is on April 28 at 5:30 p.m. A new date for the Planning and Development Committee's special meeting to hear public comments on ADUs is still being determined.
- **Finance:** The next meeting is Monday, May 27. Time to be determined.
- **PSH:** The next meeting is Monday, May 27. Time to be determined.

- **HB:** The next meeting is Monday, May 11.

16) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Name	Resident/Board Member/Other	Topic
Gail Bromley	Resident	Shaker Lakes
Jason Smith	Resident	Opposed to ORD 075-2022
Edgar Mitchell	Resident	Thanked HRRC for their help
Chris Wood	Resident	Blanche Ave Extension Project

17) Old Business

- None

18) New Business

- None

19) 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.)

- Joe DeWitt-Foy thanked the Mayor and the Parks & Recreation Director for making progress on a long-standing request to increase access to the turf at Denison Field. The field will now be available for “open field days” on weekdays from 3:00–5:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Gail Larson announced that Ranked Choice Voting Ohio will host a town hall on April 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lee Road Library. On April 29, the City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to gather resident input on placing ranked choice voting on the November ballot. Additionally, on May

20, a meeting will be held to introduce residents to Culver's management team that will be developing a new location in the Monticello Triangle.

20) Council President's Report

- Provided a brief overview of the Council's five-hour workshop on April 19. Discussions included the role of Council, members' individual visions, alignment with the Mayor's agenda, and a comprehensive review and organization of Council's legislative goals. Extended thanks to Council member Posch for advocating for the workshop and to the Council Clerk for coordinating the logistics. Council will reconvene on April 28 to continue and conclude the discussion.

21) Adjournment

End: 8:38 PM

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MAY 4, 2026

MINUTES APPROVED: JUNE 1, 2026



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council