



September 5, 2023  
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: 7:46pm

**2) Roll Call of Council Members**

**Present:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Janine Boyd, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson

**3) Excuse absent members**

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

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

a. June 22, 2023

**APPROVED**

b. August 7, 2023

**APPROVED**

**6) Communications from the Mayor**

The expected timeframe for completion of the ice rink renovations has been delayed by at least 2 weeks.

**7) Report of the Clerk of Council**

Nothing to report

**8) Public Comment - Agenda Items only**

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the

volume of business on the agenda. Comments unrelated to the agenda may be made after Committee Reports)

**Speakers**

|                     |         |                            |
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| <b>Paul Volpe</b>   | Citizen | Noble Station              |
| <b>Drew Herzig</b>  | Citizen | Ord 142-2023, Res 130-2023 |
| <b>Diane Hallum</b> | Citizen | Ord 143-2023/Noble Station |
| <b>CJ Nash</b>      | Citizen | Noble Station              |
| <b>West Schaub</b>  | Citizen | Noble Station              |

**9) 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. 134-2023(F): First Reading.** An Ordinance determining to proceed with the implementation through assessment of a public services plan for the Coventry Village Special Improvement District of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Inc. (“Coventry SID”); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Gail Larson

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 135-2023(F): First Reading.** An Ordinance levying an assessment for a public services plan for the Coventry Village Special Improvement District of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Inc.; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency

measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**Motion to adopt:** Melody Joy Hart

**Seconded:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 136-2023(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing Angela Bennett as a member of the Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Janine Boyd

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 137-2023(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution appointing Bob Brown as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

**Motion to amend:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Gail Larson

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 138-2023(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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

**Seconded:** Gail Larson

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**b. First Readings Only**

**RESOLUTION NO. 139-2023(F): First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Coventry Village Special Improvement District of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Inc. ("Coventry SID") for advancement of funds in anticipation of assessment; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 140-2023(F): First Reading.** A Resolution requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from the proceeds of the 2023 tax year collection pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 141-2023(F): First Reading.** A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission; authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**ORDINANCE NO. 142-2023(PSH): First Reading.** An Ordinance establishing and acknowledging a policy of detainee access to menstrual

products and cleaning facilities in the Cleveland Heights Jail; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilperson Boyd

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**ORDINANCE NO. 143-2023(PD): First Reading.** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Development Agreement with TWG Development, LLC for the construction of a residential development at 2228 Noble Road (several parcels); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**c. Second Readings**

**RESOLUTION NO. 130-2023(MSES): Second Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Nutter Consulting for the preparation of a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**Motion to adopt:** Gail Larson

**Seconded:** Davida Russell

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**READ INTO THE RECORD**

**Consent Agenda**

*Note: Individual Consent Agenda items are not discussed separately during the Council meeting, unless removed from the Consent Agenda on the request of a member of Council. Once an item is removed from the Consent Agenda, it will be placed on the Regular Agenda. Action upon the Consent Agenda will require two motions: the first to suspend the rules under Chapter 11 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Cleveland Heights, and a second for approval or adoption of the items within the Consent Agenda. A vote upon adoption of the Consent Agenda operates as to all items on the Consent Agenda at the time the motion to approve or adopt is made.*

**Motion to suspend rules:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

No: None

**MOTION PASSED**

**Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

**Seconded:** Gail Larson

**Yes:** Anthony Mattox Jr., Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda

**No:** None

**LEGISLATION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 144-2023(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing September 2023, *Suicide Prevention Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren, President Hart, and Councilwoman Russell

**PASSED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-2023(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing September 22, 2023 as Car Free Day and Park(ing) Day 2023 in Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**PASSED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 146-2023(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing September, 2023 as *National Infant Mortality Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilwoman Russell

**PASSED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 147-2023(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing September, 2023 as *National Sickle Cell Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**PASSED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 148-2023(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing September 19, 2023 as *Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilwoman Russell

## **PASSED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

### **10) Committee Reports**

**HB:** Update from the Housing and Building Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The next regularly scheduled HB Committee meeting will be the first Monday of October.

**CRR:** Update from the Community Relations and Recreation Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening.

**MSES:** Update from the Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting from earlier in the day. The next meeting of this committee will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**PD:** The Planning and Development Committee will be meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss several items, including the Noble Station project and two other pieces of legislation regarding the CIC.

**PSH:** There will be a Public Safety and Health Committee meeting to discuss legislation regarding women's menstrual health in jails. The date is TBD but will be posted soon.

### **11) Public Comment - General**

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda.)

#### **Speakers**

|                                     |                      |                                                                |
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| <b>Juanita Brent</b>                | State Representative | District directory and redistricting event                     |
| <b>Leo D. Wilson</b>                | Citizen              | Street repairs                                                 |
| <b>James Williams</b>               | Citizen              | Parks and Recs Committee                                       |
| <b>Cole Ware</b>                    | Citizen              | Coventry Rd. Vacancy Working Group                             |
| <b>Mallory Kent</b>                 | Citizen              | Coventry Rd. vacancies                                         |
| <b>Adam Winston</b>                 | Citizen              | Women's Health Expo at Metro Health                            |
| <b>Joani Worthy &amp; Tony Love</b> | Citizen(s)           | ERC Employee Retention Credit for Cleveland Heights businesses |
| <b>Simone Kitchens</b>              | Citizen              | Coventry Rd. safety                                            |
| <b>Catherine Dahlem</b>             | Citizen              | Councilmember comments                                         |
| <b>Julie Hammond-Gierke</b>         | Citizen              | Coventry Rd. vacancies                                         |

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|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Suzanne DeGaetano</b> | Citizen | Coventry Rd. vacancies                                       |
| <b>Nancy Young</b>       | Citizen | Growing rental population and declining homeowner population |
| <b>Ash O'Connor</b>      | Citizen | Coventry Rd. vacancies                                       |
| <b>Craig Dorn</b>        | Citizen | Youth Opportunities<br>Unlimited partnership with the City   |
| <b>Linda Margolin</b>    | Citizen | Lack of direction for Severance Town Center redevelopment    |
| <b>Andreea Widlak</b>    | Citizen | University Hospitals-<br>CPR/AED training                    |

**12) Old Business**

**Cuda:** Thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation for his 50-year high school anniversary.

**Russell:** Asked again for the names of those who received the mailer regarding the Noble Station community meeting.

**13) New Business**

**Mattox:** Would like to discuss at the next COTW meeting how Councilmembers/Council Committee's engage with staff.

**Cuda:** He believes Council needs to have a discussion about Council comments being removed.

**14) Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**APPROVED: 10/02/2023**




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Melody Joy Hart  
President of Council

*Addie Balester*

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Addie Balester  
Clerk of Council