



November 20, 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: 7:32pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. September 18, 2023

APPROVED

6) Communications from the Mayor

Expressed his gratitude for Resolution No. 192-2023 recognizing Transgender Day of Remembrance which is today, November 20, 2023.

Thanked the Council President for a robust budget hearing process and expressed his thanks to all of the Councilmembers for participating in this process in an enthusiastic way, and he is very heartened to see that this Council is being even more expansive with their resources so that we can achieve more in the course of the next year.

Update on the recent homicide off of Noble Road. The police have officially charged one Cortez Robinson on one count of aggravated murder, and one count of attempted aggravated murder. The judge has set a bond for \$1 million and Mr. Robinson currently resides in our jail. This investigation is still ongoing.

Was invited by a resident at the Legal Aid Society's annual meeting this evening, and wanted to express his thanks for the invitation and to Legal Aid Society's work that they do throughout the region and especially within Cleveland Heights. Maintaining housing stability is extremely important for our community, and creates stable communities. He is going to be working on a piece of legislation that will create a right to counsel for all tenants.

7) City Administrator's Report

Nothing to report

8) City Departmental Report(s)

Nothing to report

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

Received an email earlier tonight from a resident, Patricia Hanavan, thanking the public works and police departments for helping to make Halloween on Scarborough fun and safe this year. She was impressed that the city picked up all the leaves and ran the street sweeper on Halloween before trick-or-treating started, and closed the road between 6pm-8pm to make it safer for the kids. While they did not get an official count, neighbors estimated more than 1,200 trick-or-treaters visited the street this year!

10) 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

CJ Nash	Citizen	ORD 179-2023 and ORD 187-2023; would like Council to consider the kiosks/jewel boxes mentioned in ORD 187 for Cain Park, instead of the shipping containers as mentioned in the ARPA proposal for Denison Park.
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Drew Herzig	Citizen	ORD 123-2023; is in favor and wants to get this piece of legislation passed tonight. RES 191-2023 and RES 192-2023; thanked Council for acknowledging the importance of all human rights and the powerful statement in support of the transgender community.
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11) **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. 185-2023(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 168-2022, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023; 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: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 186-2023(PD): First Reading. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for grant funding under the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Community Development Supplemental Grant program to replace and repair decorative light fixtures in the Coventry Village business

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

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

LEGISLATION PASSED

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

No: None

b. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 187-2023(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance introducing amendments to various Sections of Part Eleven, Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to update the City's mixed-use regulations as contained in the C-2X Multiple Use Zoning District, and transmitting the same to the Planning Commission.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

MOVED TO PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 188-2023(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of Cleveland Heights to rezone the parcels along South Taylor Road, generally from Euclid Heights Boulevard south the Cedarbrook Road, and transmitting the same to the Planning Commission.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

MOVED TO PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 189-2023(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance enacting and adopting a new Chapter 146, to be entitled *Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board*.

Introduced by Councilmember Russell

MOVED TO COMMITTEE (AS)

RESOLUTION NO. 190-2023(HB): First Reading. An Ordinance amending Chapter 1347, "Certificate of Occupancy and Lead-Safe Certification", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to adopt and enact a new Section 1347.14, to be entitled "Transient Rentals", amending Section 1341, "Definitions" to adopt a new Subsection 1341.251 to be entitled "Transient Rentals", and amending Subsection (a) of Section 1345.99, "Penalty."

Introduced by Councilmember Cuda

MOVED TO COMMITTEE (COTW)

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a development agreement with WXZ CPV LLC, concerning the redevelopment of the Taylor-Tudor buildings; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

MOVED TO COMMITTEE (PD)

c. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2023(AS): Second Reading. An Ordinance amending Part One, Title Five of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to enact a new Chapter 142 “Arts Commission” to establish an Arts Commission for the City of Cleveland Heights and provide for appointment, powers, and duties of the commission; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

THIRD READING 12/4

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2023(MSES): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the County of Cuyahoga to perform certain services to help maintain the City’s sanitary and storm sewers; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2023(MSES): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns and DeHaven, Inc., (“GPD Group”) for utility engineering services associated with the replacement of water mains on Edgerly and Clarendon

Roads; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2023(MSES): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Pfund Superior Sales Co., Inc. of Lower Burrell, PA for the purchase of a 2025 Freightliner Crew Cab Ambulance and Chassis for the Cleveland Heights Fire Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 183-2023(MSES): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to accept funds under the Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program for the design control of SSO CH-30; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 184-2023(MSES): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Northeast Ohio

Regional Sewer District to accept funds under the Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program for the Hampshire Road Illicit Connections and SSO Control Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 179-2023(COTW): Second Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the allocation, appropriation and expenditure of ARPA funds.

Introduced by All Council Members

THIRD READING 12/4

d. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 191-2023(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing December, 2023 as *Universal Month for Human Rights* and December 10, 2023 as *Human Rights Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Russell

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2023(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing November 20, 2023 as *Transgender Day of Remembrance* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Hart

Motion to suspend rules: Craig Cobb

Seconded:

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded:

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

12) Public Comment - General

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None

13) Committee Reports

PD: Next meeting will be held December 4, at 5pm to discuss several pieces of legislation including the RES 193-2023 and two pieces of legislation on the CIC and the merchant's association around Noble Road. He is looking forward to having a community meeting regarding the shipping container pilot program coming up in December, look out for the date on that.

MSES: Update from the meeting held November 17 where they discussed the five pieces of legislation that were recommended by the committee for passage tonight.

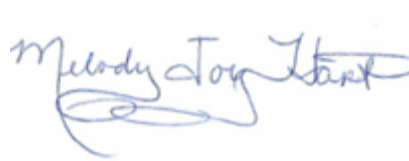
CRR: Is glad to hear the Mayor was able to connect with Legal Aid as she and Judge Costello have worked on the landlord/tenant series with them for a while. There will be a session coming in June when the new library opens with lawyers there to help tenants/landlords with anything they might need.

President's Update(s): Next budget hearing will be tomorrow, November 21 at 10am. Another budget hearing will be on November 28 at 5:30pm and will include a summary and capital budget review. On November 29, at 9:30am, there will be another COTW meeting to discuss remaining ARPA funds and the 2024 budget.

14) Adjournment

End: 8:17pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: DECEMBER 4, 2023



Melody Joy Hart
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council