November 6, 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: 7:49pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

3) Excuse absent members

Vice President Cobb excused (observed meeting via Zoom)

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

Motion to add ORD 181-2023 to First Readings Only: Anthony Mattox Jr.
Seconded: Janine Boyd

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

MOTION PASSED

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. October 2, 2023

APPROVED

b. October 16, 2023

APPROVED

6) Communications from the Mayor

Encourages everybody to get out and vote tomorrow on Election Day.

Encourages everybody to come to the State of the City Address on Thursday at 6pm at the Community Center. There will be an open house with department heads after the address.

Requests that Council maintains its schedule of Regular Council meetings through the month of December, including the December 18th Regular Council Meeting.

Received a message from Mayor Weiss in Shaker Heights confirming the partnership between local jurisdictions (Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, University Heights, South Euclid and Richmond Heights) have been granted through the Community Oriented Policing Grant has been awarded $399,846 to expand Shaker's successful crisis intervention team model to those other cities, including ours. Special Credit to Chief Britton for making this happen.

Cleveland Heights also received an additional COPS grant of $175,000 to add to the federal dollars that are funding our partnership with Cleveland Peacemakers alliance.

7) City Administrator's Report

Wants to bring to the Council's attention the property located at the intersection of South Taylor and Fairmount Blvd. which has had multiple occurrences of vehicles crashing into their house/yard. The City is working with the homeowner to come up with a solution that does not unreasonably affect travel at the intersection, and the safety of other drivers. Negotiations are underway with the homeowner in order for the City to purchase the property from the homeowner.

He had an opportunity to walk through the Coventry Business District with a business owner to go over concerns of safety etc. As a result, the Mayor has authorized City staff to work on the elevator in the garage, repairing vandalized windows, deep cleaning of the garage etc. The Director of Planning and Development will be applying for a $50,000.00 grant from the County Supplemental Grant Fund and the City will match that (if awarded), to create $100,000.00 fund to work with business owners to address their most pressing concerns for the district.

8) City Departmental Report(s)

None

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

None

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

Paul Volpe	Citizen	ORD. 181-2023; in favor of the extension for the PSA with TWG for the Noble Station Development.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 173-2023(F): *First Reading.* A Resolution authorizing an agreement with ADP, Inc. for payroll processing services for the City's Finance Department; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson
Seconded: Janine Boyd

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 174-2023(F): *First Reading.* An Ordinance authorizing the sale of K-9 Officer Otto to his handler for the sum of One Dollar ($1.00); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Janine Boyd
Seconded: Davida Russell
Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 180-2023(CRR): *First Reading.* A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Otis Elevator Company for repairs to the elevator in the Cedar Lee Parking Garage; 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, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2023(MSES): *First 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.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2023(MSES): *First 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.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2023(MSES): *First 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

READ INTO THE RECORD
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 178-2023(PD): *First Reading.* An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the sale of certain real property located at 1900-1910 South Taylor Road, 1912-1926 South Taylor Road, and 1932-1946 South Taylor Road, Permanent Parcels No. 684-27-001, 684-26-011, and 684-26-012; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD
MOVED TO COMMITTEE

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

Introduced by All Council Members

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 181-2023(PD): *First Reading.* An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to an agreement for the sale of certain real property located at 2228 Noble Road (primary address) consisting of several contiguous parcels; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Mattox

READ INTO THE RECORD
MOVED TO COMMITTEE

c. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 127-2023(PD): *Second Reading.* An Ordinance introducing amendments to various Sections of Part Eleven, Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to create and make permanent the City of Cleveland Heights Shared Spaces Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson
Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO 150-2023(PD): *Second Reading.* An Ordinance amending various sections of Chapters 110, 311, 351, 371, 521 and 1321 of the Codified Ordinances to facilitate a permanent Shared Spaces Program within the City; 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: Janine Boyd

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

12) Committee Reports

MSES: There will be a MSES meeting the week of Nov. 13 to discuss the legislation assigned to her committee.
CRR: Update from the CRR meeting this morning; spoke about several pieces of legislation including a piece of legislation regarding the creation of a Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board and spoke with many business owners and other organizations about what they offer the community.
PSH: Thanked everybody who participated in the Oct. 26 PSH Committee Hearing. She will be scheduling a follow-up hearing so that a few more witnesses may testify.
HB: Update from the HB Committee meeting this evening; he will be moving a piece of legislation on Short Term Rentals to COTW. Gave some brief comments on other topics.
PD: The PD Committee meeting will be rescheduled for next week where they will discuss the pending CIC legislation, the shipping container pilot program and more.

13) 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

Joan Taslitz	Citizen	Security at the senior center/community center
Peter DeGolia	Citizen	Security at the senior center/community center
Sarah Popivker	Citizen	Adopting IHRA definition of antisemitism in Cleveland Heights
Alec Popivker	Citizen	Antisemitism and education
CJ Nash	Citizen	Chairs in Executive Conference Room and Council Chambers

14) Old Business

None

15) New Business

Cuda: Would like to have a statement written on the agenda for legislative items under the "First Reading - Consideration of Adoption Requested"

Mayor: Commented that "New Business" and "Old Business" are supposed to be in the form of motions made by Councilmembers, not simply questions or statements made by Councilmembers.

16) Adjournment

Time: 8:44pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

APPROVED: 12/04/2023

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Melody Joy Hart
President of Council

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Addie Balester
Clerk of Council