



December 4, 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

Excused: None

Absent: None

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

Motion to amend agenda: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Janine Boyd

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

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Moved 194-2023 to First Reading Only

Tabled 190-2023 to Feb 5, 2024

Added 198-2023 to First Readings Only

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. November 6, 2023

APPROVED

b. November 13, 2023

APPROVED

6) Presentation from Sal Russo (owner of 1248 Cedar Rd) and Representatives from Grocery Outlet

(Vacant grocery space in the Cedar-Fairmount District)

Presentation regarding the vacant grocery space in the Cedar-Fairmount District.

Mr. Russo presented the history of the Russo family and their business in Cleveland Heights. They are currently in discussions with Grocery Outlet Bargain Market.

They are asking for financial support from the city because a grocery store is the highest and best use of the property. Without the City's support, it is unlikely that it would remain a grocery store. They have spoken to multiple potential operators, and they all say that the current condition is non-conforming to current industry standards.

7) Communications from the Mayor

Nothing to report

8) City Administrator's Report

Nothing to report

9) City Departmental Report(s)

Nothing to report

10) Report of the Clerk of Council

Nothing to report

11) 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 194-2023
Paul Volpe	Citizen	CIC Legislation/Arts Commission Legislation/ARPA Legislation
Jack Slater	Citizen	RES 167-2024
Sue Dean Dyke	Citizen	ARPA Legislation

12) **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

b. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 194-2023(COTW): First Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the allocation, appropriation and expenditure of ARPA funds; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmembers Hart, Mattox, Larson, Russell, and Boyd

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 195-2023(PD), First Reading. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13-2019, as amended by Ordinance No. 11-2022, to expand the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation to achieve greater community representation and expertise, modifying the ex-officio membership of the Board by replacing the Director of Housing with the Director of the Department of Planning and Development, and authorizing the Mayor to file appropriate amended Articles of Incorporation.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb and Councilmember Mattox

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 196-2023(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance repealing Chapter 150, “Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Committee” of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, and adopting a replacement Chapter 150, “Transportation and Mobility Committee.”

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 197-2023(AS): First Reading. An Ordinance enacting and adopting a new Chapter 140, Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC) of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 198-2023(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; 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

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

Introduced by Councilmember Russell

THIRD READING 12/18/23

RESOLUTION NO. 190-2023(HB): Second 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

TABLED TO 02/05/24

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023(PD): Second 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

THIRD READING 12/18/23

d. Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2023(AS): Third 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

FOURTH READING 12/18/23

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

Introduced by All Council Members

FOURTH READING 12/18/23

14) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Elana Baldwin	Citizen	Family programming in the Heights; wants more family friendly programming and feels like families are being forgotten.
Robin Koslen	Citizen	Severance Center; wants action from the City with regard to Severance Center/Namdar, including a vacancy tax for commercial properties
Jennifer Bartlett	Citizen	North Rink/Recreation;

		communication has been lacking between the administration and residents. Wants more effective communication moving forward.
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13) Committee Reports

PD: Update from this evening's meeting. Discussed Resolution No. 193-2023, the shipping-container pilot program, and started discussion on the creation of a Noble Merchants Association. Planning and Development will have an additional committee meeting in December. The date is to be determined.

CRR: Will meet this Wednesday, December 6th at 10am to discuss several pieces of potential legislation.

President: ARPA and the 2024 Budget will be voted on at the next meeting on December 18.

15) Adjournment

End: 8:41pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: DECEMBER 18, 2023

Approved: 01/16/2024



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council