



January 16, 2024
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: Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Tony Cuda, Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Jim Petras

Excused: Janine Boyd

Absent: None

3) **Excuse absent members**

Janine Boyd is excused, but is watching from home online.

Clerk Addie Balester is out sick.

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

Motion to amend the agenda to add new business and old business:

Craig Cobb

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

MOTION PASSED

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

a. December 4, 2023

APPROVED

6) **Communications from the Mayor**

The City Administrator, Danny Williams, spoke on the Mayor's behalf. The Mayor is out of town at the winter meeting of the US Conference of Mayors. The purpose of which is to engage with the White House administration and congress to share and discuss priorities for the countries' Mayors.

The Mayor would like to thank Council President Cuda for scheduling time at the February 20th COTW meeting for a presentation by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy about an upcoming property survey that the city is engaging in along with the cities of Euclid and South Euclid. This will be a street survey of every property in the City to establish baseline ratings of our properties to better inform the city on the types of interventions, programs, and services that should be employed to improve these assets. The survey should begin in early February and take about three to four months to complete.

The City will also undergo a compensation survey to determine whether our compensation and benefits structure is fair and competitive with our neighboring communities. They anticipate launching this project in early February, with completion in three to six months.

7) City Administrator's Report

Tomorrow, January 17th, at 6pm at the Community Center there will be a meeting to gather community input about several options under consideration for Cumberland Pool. The City does not anticipate any interruptions in the use of the pool, but they want to take into account several options to preserve and enhance the pool.

He also expects regular City Administrators reports to begin in June. He intends to make sure that the information included is sufficient to satisfy Council and to help council in the formation of any legislation deemed appropriate.

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.)

None

11) Public Comment - General

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the volume of business on the agenda. If there are more than 15 speakers, the time will automatically be reduced to 2-minutes.)

Speakers

CJ Nash	Citizen	Thanked Public Works Director and Communications Director for the wonderful calendar that was sent to residents.
Graham Ball	Citizen	Would like Council to bring forward a resolution for a ceasefire.
Betsy Sweet	Citizen	Is concerned about safety in our business districts and lack of patrol officers.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an extension of an agreement with Millennium Strategies LLC for continued grant writing services; 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: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution

authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Bell Equipment Company through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program for the acquisition of one front load AutoCar refuse collection vehicle **and** one Rear load refuse collection vehicle for the Division of Refuse Collection for the Department of Public Works; 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: Davida Russell

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution supporting and authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' USDA Forest Service Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program for a grant under the program, and to accept funding if awarded; 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: Davida Russell

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing David Benson (Canterbury), Laura Black (Coventry), Susan Efroymson (Millikin), Jonathan Goldman (Taylor), Gretchen Mettler (Caledonia), Jessica Schantz (Fairfax), Patti Substelny (Roxboro), Elizabeth Vanderleest (Oxford), Leslie Jones (Noble), Darlene White (Boulevard), Cindie Carroll-Pankhurst, Anthony Porembski, Amanda Isaacson, Allosious Snodgrass, Lisa Gilbert, Justin Alcorn, Sue Dean Dyke, and Angela Bennett as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Liza Wolf as a 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 President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Denver Brooker as a member of the Architectural Board of Review of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH and elevating Kathryn Lester (currently an alternate member) to full member of the Architectural Board of review of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH to fill a current vacancy; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund* ("WPCLF") agreement on behalf of the City of Cleveland Heights with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA") for planning, design and/or construction of Wastewater Facilities, designating a dedicated repayment source for the Loan; 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: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 187-2023(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 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

Motion to amend by substitution: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 188-2023(PD): Second 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

Motion to amend by substitution: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 196-2023(AS): Second 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 Councilmember Cobb

Motion to amend by substitution: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 197-2023(AS): Second 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 Councilmember Cobb

Motion to amend by substitution: Gail Larson

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Discussion: Cobb explained that ORD 196-2023 and ORD 197-2023 will split the former TESC (Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Committee) into two separate committees.

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

c. Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend rules: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Tony Cuda

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2024(CRR): *First Reading.* A Resolution proclaiming February 14, 2024 as *National Donor Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing February 2024 as *Black History Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Passed on consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming February, 2024 to be *American Heart Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

Passed on consent agenda

13) **Committee Reports**

Committee Assignments are as follows:

PD: Russell, Cobb, Cuda

CRR: Mattox, Russell, Petras

PSH: Boyd, Larson Cobb

HB: Petras, Larson, Mattox

F: Larson, Mattox, Boyd

AS: Cobb, Petras, Cuda

MSES: Larson, Boyd, Russell

MSES: Encourages residents to apply for the two new committees created at tonight's meeting by the passage of ORD 196-2023 and ORD 197-2023. Two new members are needed for the new Transportation and Mobility Committee, and five new members are needed for the new Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee.

CRR (previous chair): Reminded residents of upcoming events including the Cumberland Pool community meeting and free CPR classes.

14) **Old Business**

None

15) **New Business**

Mattox: Wants to make sure that this Council discusses a potential resolution regarding Palestine that former President Hart had recommended at the end of

last year, and has been asked for by some residents.

There was some back and forth regarding proper procedure of how this is discussed between the President, Law Director Hanna, and Councilmember Mattox.

Council President Cuda decided to put it on the agenda for the next COTW meeting for discussion.

16) Council President's Report

Spoke about what accomplishments he and Vice President Russell were able to accomplish in the first few weeks of their term as the new council leadership. The packets were able to get out earlier, new memos to accompany legislation with purpose statements were included in the packets, they met successfully with the mayor to discuss goals for this year.

Shared his thoughts regarding the Civil Rights Movement and MLK Day that we celebrated yesterday.

17) Adjournment

End: 8:14pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: FEBRUARY 5, 2024

APPROVED: February 20, 2024



Tony Cuda
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council