



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Council Committee of the Whole

March 4, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall – Executive Conference Room

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2) Legislative Review/Caucus (30 min)**
- 3) Legislation Proposal(s) (10-15 min)**
 - a. Councilmember Mattox
- 4) Executive Session (20 min)**
 - a. To consider the appointment of a public official
- 5) Mayor's Update (5 min)**
 - a. ARPA
 - b. Security - Lighting & Cameras
- 6) Scheduling Council Rules Meeting (5 min)**
- 7) Other (5 min)**
- 8) Adjourn**

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Whereas since October 7th, over 28,000 Palestinians civilians, the overwhelming majority women and children, have been killed in the hostilities, and 2,000,000-plus Palestinians in Gaza have been displaced; and

Whereas without an immediate cessation of hostilities and the restoration of the full and unrestricted flow of humanitarian relief, thousands more will die of starvation and disease; and

Whereas a former resident of Cleveland Heights was one of those killed in Gaza, making this an issue that the Cleveland Heights City Council has every right to speak to: and

Whereas the City of Cleveland Heights is committed to welcoming and uplifting both the Palestinian and Jewish communities, recognizing the diversity within those communities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights:

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Section 2. That the City of Cleveland Heights urgently calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities, a return to the full and unrestricted flow of humanitarian aid, and negotiations for a permanent ceasefire, to prevent more deaths, to provide the pause needed for diplomatic efforts to secure the negotiated exchange and release of all prisoners and hostages, and to find the way to a lasting solution.

Section 3. That the City of Cleveland Heights hereby affirms its status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Islamic faiths, other religions, or no religion, and encourages all its residents to come together to realize a peaceful, lasting solution to the situation in Israel and Palestine.

Section 4. That the City of Cleveland Heights expresses its view that only negotiation, diplomacy, and self-determination can lead to a lasting peace. The City of Cleveland Heights envisions a peaceful future where there is clear recognition of both Israel's and Palestine's right to statehood, as equal members of the international community, living in safety and security side by side.

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Whereas, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere; and

Whereas cities across the United States, including San Francisco, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Seattle, Washington; St Louis, Missouri; Detroit, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; Atlanta, Georgia; Akron, Ohio; Wilmington, Delaware; Providence, Rhode Island; and Richmond, California have passed resolutions calling for ceasefire; and

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