



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Council Committee of the Whole

March 18, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall – Executive Conference Room

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2) Archer Group (20-30 min)**
Compensation Study Update
- 3) Executive Session (10 min)**
 - a. *To consider the sale or lease of city-owned real property*
- 4) Legislative Review/Caucus (20 min)**
- 5) Potential Legislation for Consideration (15-20 min)**
 - a. Gail Larson
- 6) Council Budget Requests for 2025 (5 min)**
- 7) Other (5 min)**
- 8) Adjourn**

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Proposed:

RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2024(COTW),
First Reading

By Councilmember Larson

A Resolution denouncing rising hate and discrimination in Cleveland Heights and around the world, and calling for a peaceful solution for Palestinians and Israelis.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has already expressed sympathy for the Israeli people who were brutally attacked by terrorists on October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights City Council asserts sympathy for the innocent civilians suffering due to the war in Gaza; condemns violence of any kind; affirms Cleveland Heights status as an “All Are Welcome” city for those of the Jewish, Islamic, Christian, and all other communities; and

WHEREAS, this Council encourages residents to offer support and sincere condolences to members of the Israeli and Palestinian communities of Cleveland Heights who have lost loved ones; and

WHEREAS this body condemns all forms of hate; all people—regardless of their gender, nationality, or religion—have the right to learn, work, worship, and live free from intimidation, harassment or fear of violence; and

WHEREAS violence and terrorism can never be justified as means to achieve political goals. Dialogue, negotiation, and peaceful resolutions are the only viable paths towards lasting peace and stability; and

WHEREAS the Council calls for the facilitation of humanitarian aid directly to the people of Gaza and maintenance of humanitarian corridors to protect displaced residents of Gaza and acknowledges the hardships of all internally displaced Israelis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council expresses its unwavering support and sympathy for all; Jewish, Islamic, Christian and all other members of the Cleveland Heights community who have been impacted by the atrocities of this war.

SECTION 2. This Council supports all efforts to resolve this tragic conflict including the unconditional, immediate return of all hostages held in Gaza, a negotiated ceasefire and, the delivering of humanitarian aid to all who are suffering.

SECTION 3. This Council condemns all forms of hate including racism, Islamophobia, and hatred against the Jewish community; all people have the right to

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learn, work, worship, gather, advocate, mourn, and celebrate free from intimidation, harassment, and fear of violence.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to President Joe Biden and Ohio's Senators and Congressional Representatives.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor