



March 4, 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: 7:31pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Jim Petras, Gail Larson, Tony Cuda, Craig Cobb, Janine Boyd, Anthony Mattox Jr.

Excused: Davida Russell

Absent: None

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. February 5, 2024

APPROVED

6) Noble Development Presentation (Noble Station)

TWG and Paul Volpe

Alex Fraser gave an update on what has been happening since the contract was extended. Many community meetings have occurred, and they have also created a focus group. The initial review will go before the Architectural Board of Review this Thursday. Paul Volpe gave a PowerPoint presentation of the new site plans.

7) Communications from the Mayor

Announced that the Ohio Presidential Primary is March 19th, early voting has already begun and encourages everybody to make a plan to vote if you haven't

already.

Thanked his staff for all their work on a fantastic Black History Month Celebration.

Expressed his condolences to the family of Carolyn Neal and to Earlene Starks-Marshall aka Ms. Duck who both passed in February.

Lastly, for a matter of record:

- Sealed bids were received on February 23rd, for project #24-01 Monmouth Lee – “CH-9, CH-32, CH-57 and CH-58 SSO Control Project”. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving’s Bid of \$2,296,895.90 has been found to be the lowest and best responsible bid.

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.)

Speakers

Fran Mentch	Citizen	ORD 031-2024; has a question about these properties and whether they will be tax exempt. Is also concerned with the size that these buildings will be allowed to be. Is also concerned that this is being considered an emergency.
Diane Hallum	Citizen	RES 027-2024; spoke about the objective to revitalize the Noble Road Community.

12) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

CJ Nash	Citizen	Commented on city council's supporting/opposing international issues
Jodi Sourini	Board Member (CHUH BOE)	Thanked council for passing legislation to fund life guards at the CHUH High School Pool
Andrea Doe	Citizen	Supports a ceasefire resolution
Melissa Wood	Citizen	Supports a ceasefire resolution
Susan Wood	Citizen	Supports a ceasefire resolution
Christopher Wood	Citizen	Supports a ceasefire resolution
Drew Herzig	Citizen	Supports a ceasefire resolution
Fran Mentch	Citizen	Has a question about the Ascent; would like a report of the occupancy rate of the building. Also concerned that the city isn't getting income tax revenue because the tenants are students.
Scott Wachter	Citizen	Thanked council for passing legislation to fund life guards at the CHUH High School Pool; hopes the administration will now hire lifeguards.
Kristine Pagsuyoin	Other	ORD 129-2023 (CIC); has concerns regarding the

		housing stock in Cleveland Heights and distressed properties currently owned by the city, some of which may have occupants.
Matthew Haberbusch	Citizen	Supports a ceasefire resolution.
Joe Buchwald Gelles	Citizen	Supports a ceasefire resolution
Elisha Kaminski	Citizen	Asked why nobody is asking Palestine for a ceasefire; is against Council passing a ceasefire resolution

13) **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. 027-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming April 1-5, 2024 to be *National Community Development Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 028-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution supporting and authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Ohio Department of

Natural Resources Recreational Trails 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: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Janine Boyd

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2024(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with InVeris Training Solutions, Inc., to make the public improvement of upgrading and/or replacing the existing targeting system used to train Department of Public Safety, Division of Police personnel and Police Academy cadets; and declaring the necessity that this legislation be effective immediately as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Ira-Etta Black and Peter DeGolia as members of the Commission on Aging of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Jim Petras

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 029-2024(PD): First Reading. An Ordinance declaring improvements to certain parcels within the City of Cleveland Heights to be a public purpose, exempting the improvements to such parcels from real property taxation for a period of 30 years; requiring the owners of such parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing an Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such payments; and approving a school compensation agreement with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District; all pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.41, 5709.42 and 5709.43; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE NO. 031-2024(PD): First 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 regulations regarding places of worship, and transmitting the same to the Planning Commission; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 033-2024(PSH): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Roper Lock Box, LLC for lock boxes to support a Senior Residential Lock Box Program which permits the Cleveland Heights Fire Department access to provide emergency services to Cleveland Heights senior residents.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Valley Freightliner, Inc., for the acquisition of a Freightliner 114SD Plus Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis for the Department of Public Works.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 035-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Valley Freightliners,

Inc., for the acquisition of 2 (two) Freightliner 114SD plus Semi-Tractors for the Department of Public Works.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2024(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Glenhill Road Machinery Company, for the acquisition of a 14-Foot Stainless Steel Dump Body with Salt Spreader and Plow Package for the Department of Public Works.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

14) Committee Reports

CRR: There will be an announcement forthcoming of a CRR Committee Meeting

PSH: There will be a PSH Committee meeting forthcoming which will be more informative than anything else as the Council does expect to pass this resolution.

HB: Update from the HB Committee meeting on 2/27; there will be an additional meeting later this month.

MSES: She is grateful to the residents who applied for the two new committees (TMC and CESC). The next MSES meeting is on 3/18 at 10 am.

F: There will be a Finance Committee Meeting coming up to discuss the excise tax portion of the short-term rental legislation that is currently being considered by the Council.

AS: Update from AS Committee on 3/26; if you have any interest in applying to any of the boards, please go to the website to apply. The Mayor is looking for applicants for several committees he has nominations for. We have a vacancy on the Landmark Commission.

15) Old Business

None

16) New Business

None

17) Council President's Report

Spoke about unity and peace

18) Adjournment

End: 9:03pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MARCH 18, 2024

APPROVED: April 1, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Cuda'.

Tony Cuda
President of Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Addie Balester'.

Addie Balester
Clerk of Council