



June 3, 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: 7:41 p.m.

2) Roll Call of Council Members

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

3) Excuse absent members

None

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. May 6, 2024

APPROVED

6) Communications from the Mayor

Wished everybody a happy Pride Month to everybody, but especially to the LGBTQA+ community here in Cleveland Heights. Pride in the Park will be June 29th.

The City's Juneteenth celebration will be held on June 15 at Forest Hill Park; City Hall will be closed on June 19th.

7) City Administrator's Report

Nothing to report

8) Departmental Report(s)

Todd Walburn - Mayor's Action Coordinator - introduced himself and gave an update on AccessClevelandHeights App and the work he has been doing in his first few months on the job.

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

Nothing to report

10) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).

Speakers

Susan Eisler	Citizen	Not in favor of the proposed DORA in the Cedar-Lee District
Brent Ryan	Citizen	Is in favor of ORD 087-2024 regarding the expansion of adult use medical marijuana licenses to recreational licenses

11) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Maurice Rhoades	Citizen	Spoke about the lack of wheel chair ramps and fair housing, safety code, fire codes, etc. being violations at 25 Severance Cir. Apartments which are CMHA housing
Guy Thellian	Citizen	Spoke about his experience on the 2023/2024 Charter Review Commission
Fern Haught	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus

		non-profits
Lee Chilcote	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Deidre McPherson	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus and the non-profits and to serve as an advocate and advisor to facilitate dialogue between the non-profits and the library board
Robin Van Lear	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Rachel Bernstein	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Krista Hawthorne	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Jacqui Brown	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Neal Martin	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Donna Marchetti	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Brady Dindia	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Cynthia Larsen	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Judith Ryder	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits
Barbara French	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus

		non-profits
Vikas Turakhia	Citizen	Spoke on behalf of the Cleveland Heights University Heights Library board of trustees
Annette Iwamoto	Citizen	Spoke on behalf of the Cleveland Heights University Heights Library board of trustees
Deborah Herrmann	Citizen	Spoke on behalf of the Cleveland Heights University Heights Library board as the financial officer for the library
Jennifer Wintner	Citizen	Spoke in favor of the Coventry Peace Campus non-profits

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. 094-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Kemp Jaycox as a member of the Transportation and Mobility Committee 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: Gail Larson

Seconded: Jim Petras

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 095-2024(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution expressing appreciation to the Charter Review Commission for their hard work, accepting their final report of recommendations, and concluding their commission; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell

Seconded: Craig Cobb

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 096-2024(F): First Reading. A Resolution approving the adoption of the 2025 Tax Budget; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 086-2024(COTW), Second Reading. A Resolution establishing July 2024 as a month of recess for City Council and canceling the July 1, 2024, and July 15, 2024, regular council meetings of the City Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda and Vice President Russell

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: Anthony Mattox Jr.

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 087-2024(PD): Second Reading. An Ordinance amending Chapter 711, "Medical Marijuana," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio to provide for the licensing of adult-use marijuana businesses within the City in addition to medical marijuana businesses.

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, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 090-2024(AS): Second Reading. An Ordinance amending Section 111.10 of Chapter 111 of Title Three of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights.

Introduced by Councilmember Petras

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

d. Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 077-2024(CRR): Third Reading. An Ordinance approving the application filed by the Mayor and authorizing the establishment of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area ("DORA").

Introduced by Councilmember Mattox

NO VOTE TAKEN

RESOLUTION NO. 082-2024(COTW): Third Reading. A Resolution establishing supplemental processes and procedures for City Council development of legislation.

Introduced by President Cuda

Motion to adopt: Jim Petras

Seconded: Davida Russell

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

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

13) Committee Reports

HB: The committee will meet on the second Tuesday of this month, but will be starting at 4:30 pm instead of 5 pm.

MSES: Council will be voting next week to amend the legislation regarding appointments to Chapters 140 and 150.

F: Meetings to discuss the upcoming budget process will be scheduled soon.

PD: A second public hearing for the dog park will be scheduled for some time during the week of August 5. There will also be a committee meeting for training.

CRR: Pool season has started successfully this year, and thanked the city staff for their work on making that happen.

14) Old Business

None

15) New Business

None

16) Council Member Comments

(Note: Council comments should directly relate to the business of the City of Cleveland Heights, rather than personal reflection or commentary. A maximum 3-minute time limit applies, but the Council President may reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda, the time of evening, or other similar factors.)

Larson: Spoke about the grand opening of the new Noble Rd Library Branch and thanked Heights Libraries for making it happen.

Petras: Raised concerns about the distribution of ARPA funds, specifically with the consultant group, Guidehouse. He will oppose any extension of that contract unless Guidehouse can demonstrate an ability to set and meet timelines.

Posch: Is also concerned about the progress of ARPA funds and the Guidehouse consultants; he would like Council Leadership and the Mayor to meet to discuss the problem that is so critical right now.

Russell: June 29 at 10am at the new Noble Library there will be another tenant/landlord series with Judge Costello and lawyers from legal-aid.

17) Council President's Report

The Noble Library grand opening event was a great event and there is something for every age group.

18) Adjournment

End: 9:45 p.m

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JUNE 17, 2024

APPROVED: August 19, 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