



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

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**Council Committee of the Whole**

**Monday, April 4, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall – Executive Conference Room**

## **Agenda**

1. Legislation Review/Caucus
2. Designation of Council Liaison to TAC/TESC
3. Cleveland State Nursing Program - Community Gardens

# Memo

**To:** Mayor Seren and Council  
**From:** Amy Himmeltein, Finance Director  
**Date:** March 24, 2022  
**Re:** Special Assessment Renewal Legislation

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The City's current street lighting and tree special assessment levies will expire at the end of 2022. These levies pay the City's electric bill for street lights, the salaries for the forestry department, and certain maintenance of streets including snow removal. The assessment is based on the amount of footage a property has on a City owned street. The current rates are \$0.92 per foot for the street lighting assessment and \$1.08 per foot for the tree assessment for a total of \$2.00 per foot.

These assessments have been in place for over 40 years. The fee was raised from \$1.80 to \$2.00 starting in 2014. As part of this renewal the street lighting fund (230) and the tree fund (231) were analyzed to see if the fee needed to be increased.

At the end of 2021 both funds had a healthy balance. Revenue is expected to remain the same as prior years. Salaries are expected to increase 2% and operating costs are held fairly stagnant. With these in mind, we believe the two funds can operate in 2023 and 2024 with no increase to the current special assessment fee. However, if salt and fuel prices continue to rise and the forestry department is fully staffed, the tree fund will most likely need a fee increase for the next special assessment in 2025.

# Reducing Consumption of Added Sugars

Nick, Becky, Emily, Marissa, and Megan



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# The Problem

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- According to Healthy Northeast Ohio (2022), in the 44112 zip code of Cleveland Heights, 80.6 percent of adults consumed sugar-sweetened beverages in the past 7 days and 44.2 percent of adults who used a quick service restaurant 6 times or more in the past 30 days.
  - Sugar-sweetened beverages are the leading source of added sugars in the American diet (CDC, 2021). Many fast food meals are heavily processed and contain added sugars, unhealthy fats, and salt (Despres, 2016).
- Added sugars contribute calories to your diet, but provide little nutritional value. Eating excessive foods and drinks with added sugars can lead to potential health problems such as poor nutrition, weight gain, increased triglycerides, and tooth decay. (Mayo Clinic, 2021)

# Aggregate

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**Aggregate:** Low-income adults age 45-65 in the 44112 zip code of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

## Risk:

- Limited income
  - Money may be more focused on housing, utilities, and other necessities
- Food desert
  - Less healthy options
- Difficulty finding time to cook/shop
  - Childcare, working, other responsibilities
- \$ of healthy food > \$ of unhealthy food
- Transportation difficulties
  - Takes longer to travel to and from grocery store
- (Vilar-Compte et al., 2021)

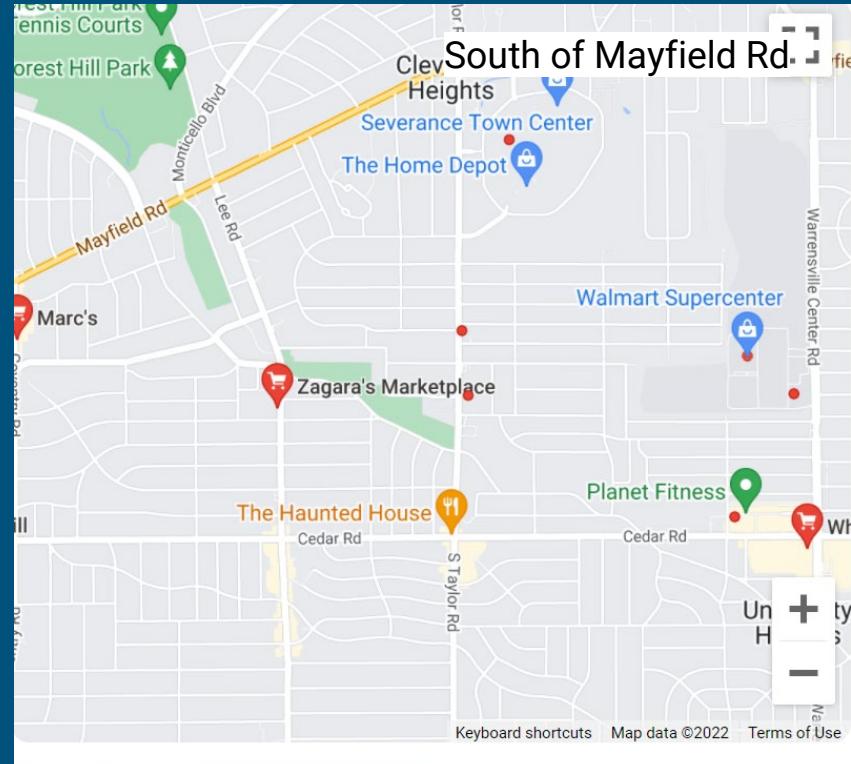
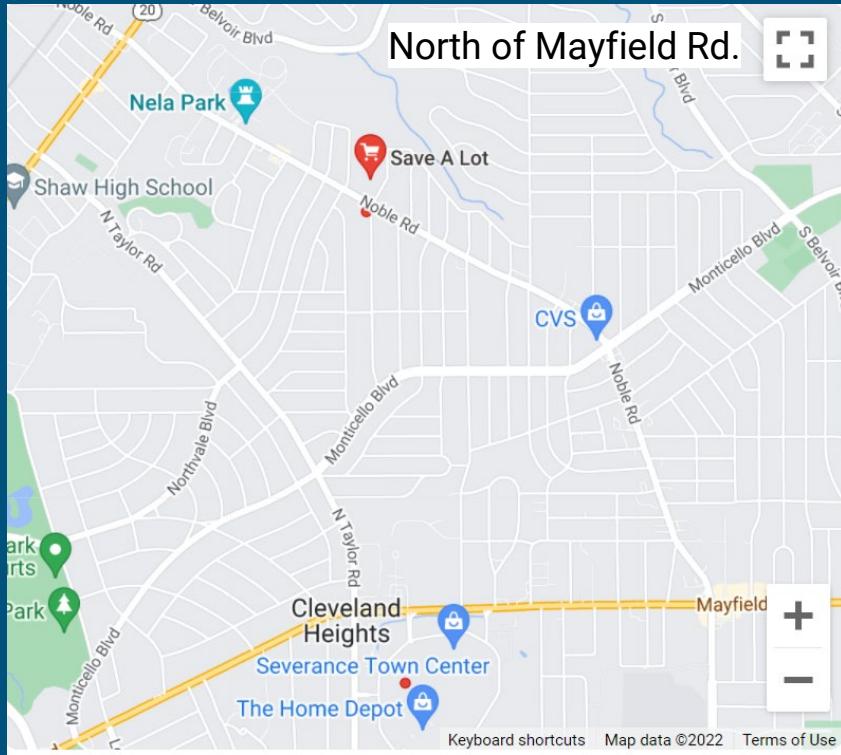
**Importance:** High sugar diets lead to long-term chronic health conditions, which leads to poorer quality of life and early mortality.

# Aggregate

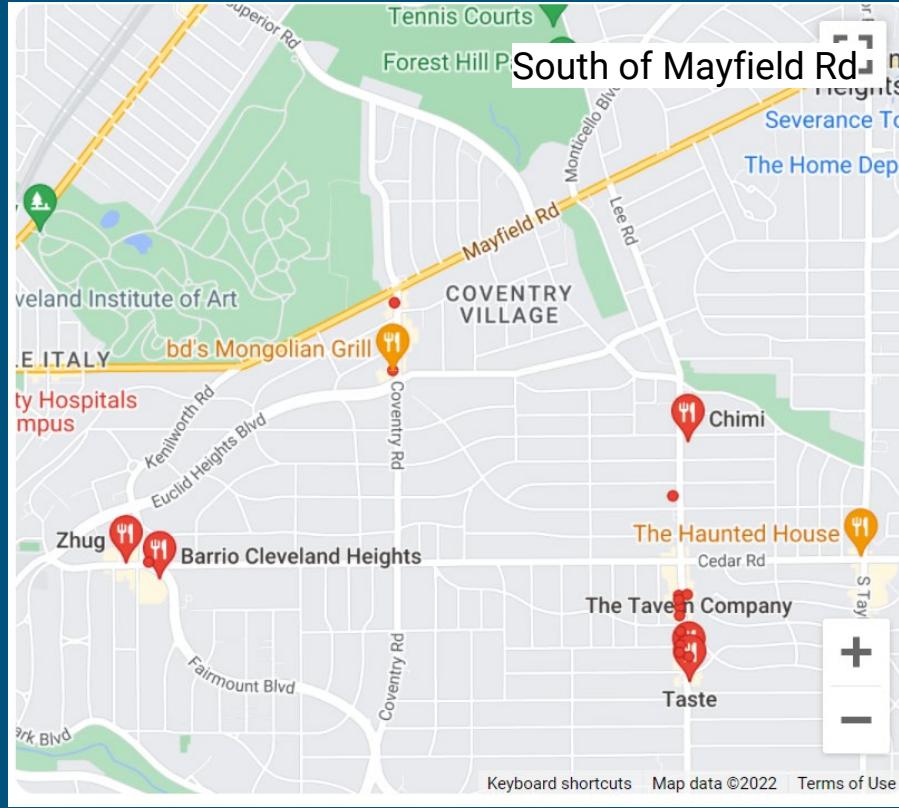
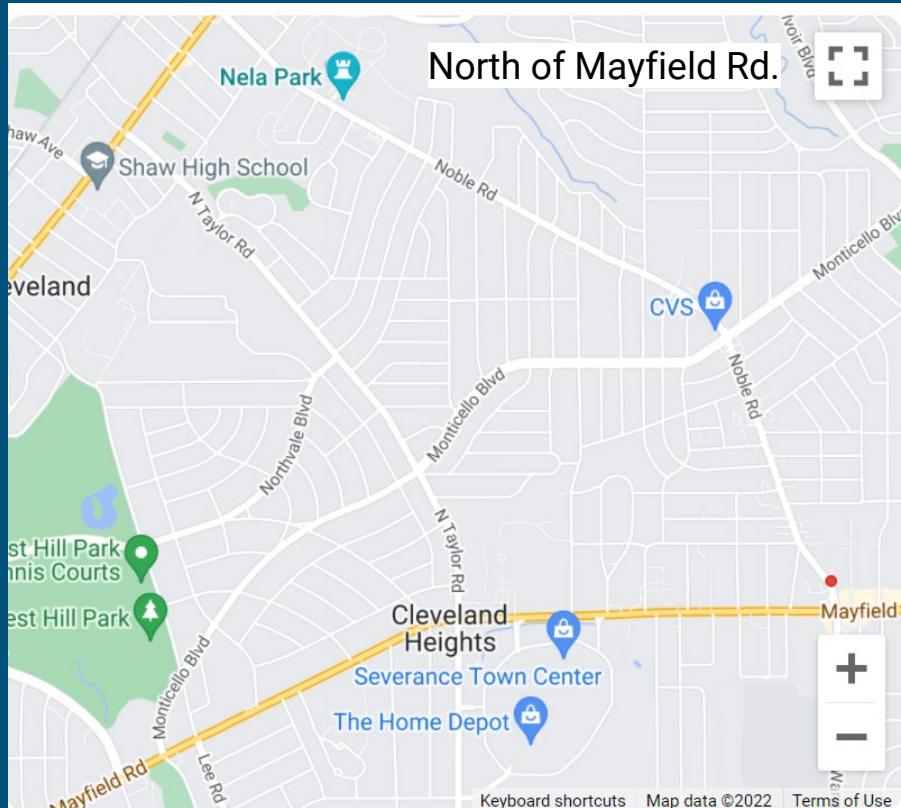
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- 44112 Zip Code
  - Households Below Federal Poverty Level -- 37.8%
  - Median Household Income -- \$22,412
  - Households that have a car -- 31.0%
  - Annual spending on fruits and vegetables (2021) -- \$586.20
  - Annual spending on fast food, high sugar food and drink (2021) -- \$1,456.20
- Cleveland Heights Overall
  - Households Below Federal Poverty Level -- 17.3%
  - Median Household Income -- \$57,768
  - Households that have a car -- unavailable
  - Annual spending on fruits and vegetables (2021) -- unavailable
  - Annual spending on fast food, high sugar food and drink (2021) -- unavailable

(Healthy Northeast Ohio, 2022)



Grocery store density comparison north and south of Mayfield Rd in Cleveland Heights, Ohio



Restaurant density comparison north and south of Mayfield Rd in Cleveland Heights, Ohio

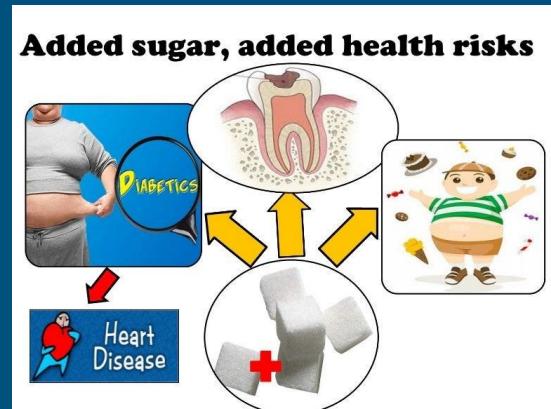
# The Condition

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- High sugar consumption aka “sugar overload”
- **NO** nutritional benefit from added sugars
- Increased sugar consumptions includes
  - Above 6 teaspoons or 24 grams per day (women)
  - Above 9 teaspoons or 36 grams per day (men)
- “Hidden” in breads, drinks, and cereals
  - Harvard T.H. Chan (2019)
- Signs and symptoms of sugar overload
  - Appearance: acne, weight gain
  - Social/emotional: irritability, fatigue, restlessness
  - Diet: increase hunger, increase craving/desire of sweets
    - (Revelant, 2021)

# Morbidity and Mortality

- High sugar diet is associated with:
  - Metabolic syndrome and obesity
  - Heart disease
  - Type 2 Diabetes
  - Cancer
    - Stomach, Liver, Gallbladder, Kidney, Uterine, Ovarian, Breast, Esophageal, Pancreas, Multiple Myeloma, Colorectal (CDC, 2021b)
  - Tooth decay and poor oral health
- (Throsby, 2018, 954)



Stats on 44112 zip code:

- DM -- 23.1%
- HTN -- 51.1%
- Obesity -- 49.8%
- Hyperlipidemia -- 33.0%
- Stroke -- 8.1%
- CAD -- 10.4%
- Cancer -- 7.0%
- Adults 65+ w/Total Tooth Loss -- 28.7%

(Healthy Northeast Ohio, 2022)

Stats on Cleveland Heights Overall:

- DM -- 11.6%
- HTN -- 33.3%
- Obesity-- 35.7%
- Hyperlipidemia -- 29.2%
- Stroke -- 3.8%
- CAD -- 5.9%
- Cancer -- 6.5%
- Adults 65+ w/ Total Tooth Loss -- 13.1%

(Healthy Northeast Ohio, 2022)

# Morbidity and Mortality

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## Deaths from Diseases Associated with High Sugar Diet\* in Cuyahoga County -- 2019

- # of Deaths: 6,197
  - 1,180 ages 45-64
- Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate: 472.8 per 100,000

## Deaths from All Causes of Death in Cuyahoga County – 2019

- # of Deaths: 13,834
  - 2,653 ages 45-64
- Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate: 1119.6 per 100,000

(Ohio Department of Health, 2022)

\*High sugar diet r/t conditions defined as CV diseases, stroke, diabetes, CKD, and obesity-related cancers



# Social Determinants of Health

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- **GENDER**
  - Men tend to have more added sugars in diet (Ricciuto, 2021)
- **AGE**
  - Men between 50-59 have the highest mean of added sugars (Ricciuto, 2021)
- **MARITAL STATUS**
  - No evidence proof provided on relationship status
- **ETHNIC GROUP**
  - African Americans median intake 22.9 teaspoons and Caucasian median intake 20.2 teaspoons
    - (Ricciuto, 2021)

# Environmental Attributes

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- **Food Desert**
  - In Cleveland Heights the only grocery store north of Mayfield Rd is Save-a-Lot and accessibility to it using public transportation is difficult.
  - Save-a-Lot has limited healthy food options for buyers to choose, many are processed and have added sugars.
- **Fast Food**
  - In Cleveland Heights there are many fast food options around the 44112 zip code, fast food places sell mostly processed foods high in added sugar, unhealthy fats, and salt.
  - Studies show fast food/unhealthy foods are cheaper than healthy foods at grocery stores.
- **Economic Status**
  - Lower income households show increase in purchase of sugar beverage
  - Higher income family show purchasing of fruits and vegetables more frequently
  - Overall, US households are purchasing/consuming lower quality foods for dietary needs
    - (French, 2019)
- **Housing**
  - Median value of occupied homes is \$128,700; price of buying homes in Cleveland Heights ranges from \$69,900 to \$1,750,000 (Zillow, 2022)
- **Education**
  - The percentage of adults who have a high school degree in Cleveland Heights is 94.9% and the percentage of adults with a Bachelor's degree is 54.9% (United States Census Bureau, 2020)
- **Occupation**
  - Total of 21,800 workers employed in the City of Cleveland Heights
  - The main jobs in Cleveland Heights include education instruction and library, management, office and administration, sales, business and financial operations, food preparations and serving occupations (Data USA, n.d.).

# Community Nursing Diagnosis

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Easy access to high sugar foods compared to healthier alternatives among low-income adults age 45-65 in the 44112 zip code of Cleveland Heights, Ohio related to food desert as demonstrated in consumers spending 2.5x more on high sugar foods than produce in 2021, only one grocery store and no restaurants north of Mayfield Road, higher prices of fresh fruits and vegetables compared to high sugar foods, and high rates of sugar-related chronic diseases in the 44112 zip code.

- This problem is an epidemic

# Interventions

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- Hold an educational seminar on reading how to interpret food labels at the local recreation center (U.S. Food & Drug Administration, 2020).
  - Food labels indicate the amount of added sugars and how many serving sizes per package
- Collaborate with community partners, such as churches, schools, and local businesses, to establish a community garden in the 44112 zip code (Ruck, 2020, 31).
  - Provides natural food options and more cost effective, especially effective in food desert areas
- Provide an informational handout about low-sugar drink options in grocery stores and supermarkets (American Heart Association, n.d.b).
  - Soft drinks and teas are often very high in added sugar, instead suggest alternatives such as unsweetened tea, water, or use fruit to flavor your drink
- Hold a cooking class for community members receiving SNAP to teach them how to prepare low-sugar recipes using ingredients available at the Save-a-Lot on Noble Road (Dietitians of Canada, 2018).
  - Using fruits such as raisins, bananas, and dates to add natural sweetness or adding extracts such as maple, vanilla, orange or lemon

# Why Does This Still Persist?



Little Debbie ✅ @LittleDebbie · 5m  
If you, like @sunnydelight was yesterday  
feel like giving up, here are some tips:

--be realistic about what you can do  
--speak w/loved ones who will help break  
you from negative self-talk  
--give yourself an incentive for finishing  
--remember the "why" of your "this"

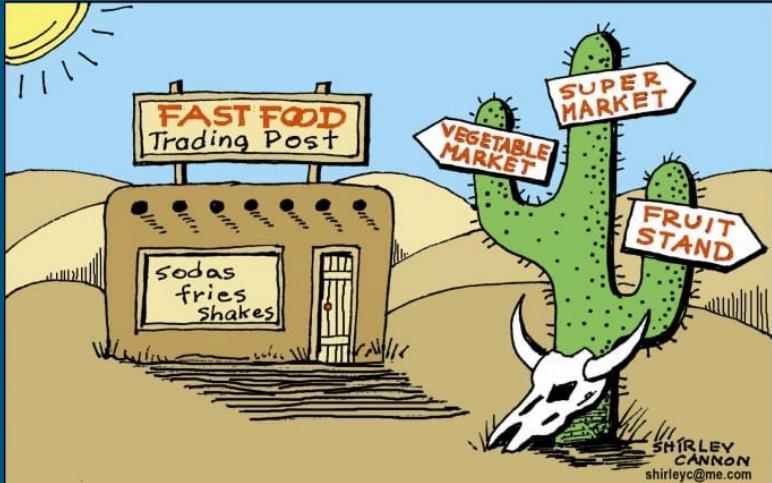
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I can't do this anymore



# Health Disparities

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- **Food Desert/Food Swamp** -- less healthy food options, higher prices of healthy foods because of demand, concentration of fast food restaurants (Brace et al., 2017, 17; Testa et al., 2020, 117)
- **Poverty** -- unable to afford healthier foods, buy what is cheapest, at risk of food insecurity with inflation or unemployment (Vilar-Compte et al., 2021)
- **Mental Health** -- comfort eating, eating to cope with mental and social anguish, sugar addiction, binge eating behaviors (Bruening et al., 2017, 1915; Jacques et al., 2019, 178-179)
- **Lack of Adequate Transportation** -- difficulty getting to grocery store, limited to what you can carry if taking bus, buy what is convenient, can't use curbside pickup, takes more time to obtain food (Vilar-Compte et al., 2021; Testa et al., 2020, 117)
- **Marketing** -- ads mostly targeted towards young



# Hypothesis

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- Sugar Addiction (Jacques et al., 2019, 178-179)
  - Sugar releases dopamine in the brain which leads to positive reinforcement of sugar consumption
    - Eventually leads to addiction
- Hidden in unexpected places -- people may not realize how much they are actually consuming (CDC, 2021a)
  - Added sugars found in many food items
  - Sugar Sweetened Beverages (SSB) main culprit, but many items that may seem “healthier” have hidden sugars
    - I.e. “low-fat” yogurt, protein bars, condiments, etc.



# Gaps in Knowledge

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- Long-term effects on adolescents and adults
  - Early mice trials suggest there may be a correlation between persistent overconsumption of sugar in childhood and the development of hyperactivity and neurocognitive deficits in adulthood (Queensland University of Technology, 2021)
- Most effective health initiatives/policies to reduce sugar consumption
  - While research has been performed to evaluate the effectiveness of various strategies to decrease sugar consumption across the globe, no clear strategy has been identified as a significantly effective strategy (Walton et al., 2021)

# Areas for Further Research/Health Promotion

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- To help combat the food desert and provide food options low in sugar for the residents of Cleveland Heights would include:
  - Implementing more community gardens in this area
  - Involving local churches
    - Starting farmer markets in summer months
    - Initiating more food pantries
  - Restarting annual community health fair
    - Provide teaching opportunities and connect community members to resources (SNAP)
  - Collaborate with city officials to create more transportation options to grocery stores in Cleveland Heights
    - Only one RTA bus stops by the Save a Lot on Noble Road

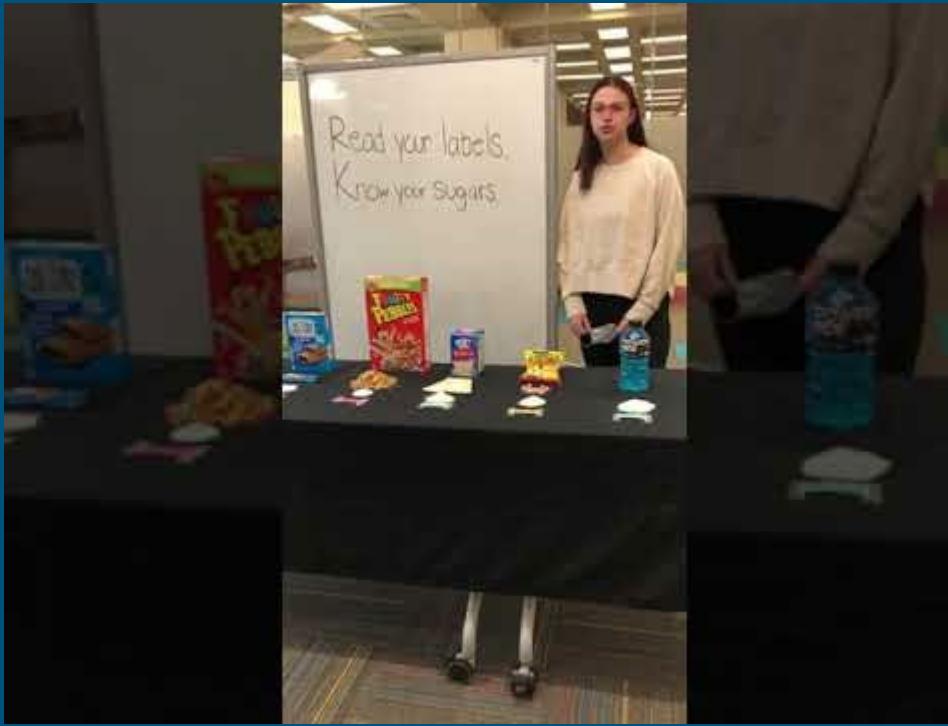
# Key Stakeholders

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- Save-a-Lot (grocery store) manager
  - We ask that the displays at the store entrance to be rearranged to not have a large amount of desserts and candy as the first thing customers see or to include healthier alternatives alongside the displays, such as fresh fruit
    - Displays of high sugar items encourage customers to consume lots of sugar
  - We ask that handouts and signs be displayed providing healthy snack alternatives to customers
- City council president: Melody Joy Hart
  - We ask that the president help with approval and establishment of a community garden creation to provide a more cost-effective alternative for obtaining healthier food options

# PSA

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## AGENDA (tentative) - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, April 4, 2022**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Cleveland Heights City Hall  
Council Chambers  
40 Severance Circle  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio**

**1) Meeting called to order by Council President**

**2) Roll Call of Council Members**

**3) Excuse absent members**

**4) Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 7, 2022**

**5) Public Comment - Agenda Items only**

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Comments unrelated to the agenda may be made after Committee Reports.)

**6) Communications from the Mayor**

**7) Report of the Clerk of Council**

**8) LEGISLATION**

**a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested**

**ORDINANCE NO. 39-2022 (F), *First Reading.*** An ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 139-2021 (F), relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to Adopt/Second: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No. Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**b. *First Readings***

**RESOLUTION NO. 40-2022 (F), *First Reading*.** A Resolution declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of street lighting; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-2022 (F), *First Reading*.** A Resolution declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of improvement of streets and parkways including grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, repairing, sweeping or cleaning thereof, removing snow therefrom, and planting, maintaining and removing shade trees thereon; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**ORDINANCE NO. 42-2022 (AS), *First Reading*.** An Ordinance amending Chapter 107, “Public Meetings,” of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights by providing that the City may enter into executive session for the purposes identified in Section 107.01 or for any purpose allowed under the Ohio Revised Code.

Introduced by Mayor Seren and Council Member Cobb

**c. *Second Readings***

**ORDINANCE NO. 37-2022 (MS), *Second Reading*.** An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2022 Energized Community Grant(s) Funds; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to Adopt/Second: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ No. Reading \_\_\_\_\_

*d. Consent Agenda*

*Note: Individual Consent Agenda items are not discussed separately during the Council meeting, unless removed from the Consent Agenda on the request of a member of Council. Once an item is removed from the Consent Agenda it will be placed on the Regular Agenda.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-2022 (PD), Second Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming April 11-15, 2022 to be *National Community Development Week*; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-2022 (CRR), Second Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming April 2022 to be *National Poetry Month*; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-2022 (CRR), Second Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming April 3-9, 2022 to be *National Library Week*; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-2022 (CRR), Second Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming April 2022 to be *Autism Awareness Month*; and April 2, 2022 to be *World Autism Awareness Day*; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022 (CRR), Second Reading.** A Resolution joining with HUD and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to open housing; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**Motion to suspend rules** by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion to adopt/second** by Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

**9) Committee Reports**

- a.) PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**
- b.) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**
- c.) COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
- d.) FINANCE COMMITTEE**
- e.) HOUSING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**
- f.) MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**
- g.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**10) Public Comment - General**

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies.)

**11) Old Business**

**12) New Business**

**13) Council Member Comments**

**14) Council President's Report**

**15) Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022**

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2022 (PD), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution proclaiming April 11 - 15, 2022 to be *National Community Development Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program, of which the main purpose is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CDBG program, which was enacted into law as part of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is also a participant in the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) program which provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is a partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the HUD-funded Lead Hazard Control program, which provides funding for the removal of lead based paint hazards in low to moderate income homes; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that the CDBG, HOME, and Lead Hazard Control programs are a partnership of federal, state, and local governments, businesses, non-profits, community organizations, and residents, and that the services funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, which are administered by the local governments and often delivered by non-profit organizations, rely heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that public recognition of the vital importance of the CDBG program to national communities like Cleveland Heights is essential.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 11- 15, 2022 to be *National Community Development Week* in the City of Cleveland Heights and resolves that during this week this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to their neighborhoods and their low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships program, and Lead Hazard Control program.

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SECTION 2. The City of Cleveland Heights, along with its service providers and other community residents, hereby petitions the United States Congress to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Lead Hazard Control programs and their vital importance to the nation's communities and to their low- and moderate-income residents. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Robert Portman and U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need for *National Community Development Week* to be recognized on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

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Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022      Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2022 (CRR), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution proclaiming April 2022 to be *National Poetry Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of April as *National Poetry Month* in 1996; and

WHEREAS, *National Poetry Month* seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry, bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

WHEREAS, *National Poetry Month*, under the leadership and direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest literary celebration in the world; and

WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; and

WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is home to the Arts; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the benefits of poetry and has recognized the Poet Laureate selected by Heights Arts since the program began in 2006.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 2022 to be *National Poetry Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and urges all residents to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize the important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great city with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

SECTION 2. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2022 (CRR), *Second Reading*

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *National Poetry Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2022 (CRR), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution proclaiming April 3 - 9, 2022 to be *National Library Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library has been serving our community in myriad ways since 1916; and

WHEREAS, said library leads the nation as a five-star library because of its excellent staff, services, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, our library serves as a great equalizer of knowledge by providing free access to all; and

WHEREAS, our library works to meet the changing needs of our citizens, including building collections, expanding outreach services, and increasing programming; and

WHEREAS, our library provides a forum for diverse ideas and points of view that help us better understand each other and ourselves; and

WHEREAS, our librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, and work; and

WHEREAS, our librarians design and offer programs to meet the community's economic needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, interviewing workshops, and job-seeking resources; and

WHEREAS, our libraries are places for education, opportunity, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating *National Library Week*.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 3 - 9, 2022 to be *National Library Week* in the City of Cleveland Heights and urges all residents to visit the library during this week to take advantage of the wonderful resources available at the library. This Council further notes that celebrations during National Library Week include:

•*National Library Workers Day*, Tuesday of National Library Week (April 5, 2022), a day for library staff, users, administrators and friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers; and

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•*National Bookmobile Day*, Wednesday of National Library Week (April 6, 2022), a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.

SECTION 2. 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 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *National Library Week* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative note of five (5) or more members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2022 (CRR), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution proclaiming April 2022 to be *Autism Awareness Month* and April 2, 2022 to be *World Autism Awareness Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million (3,000,000) people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the growing needs of the worldwide autistic community and to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders and the need to provide services to individuals and families who are affected, the United Nations has sanctioned April 2nd as *World Autism Awareness Day*; and

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks, an organization dedicated to enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow, promotes the awareness of autism worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in light of the growing impact of autism spectrum disorders and the need for greater awareness, Autism Speaks holds its “Light It Up Blue!” campaign on *World Autism Awareness Day*, designed to increase awareness about autism by asking participating organizations to turn their lights blue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is honored to take part in the annual observance of *Autism Awareness Month* and *World Autism Awareness Day* in the hopes that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2022 to be *Autism Awareness Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and further proclaims April 2, 2022 to be *World Autism Day*, to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families.

SECTION 2. 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 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the

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inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *Autism Awareness Month* and *World Autism Day* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022 (CRR), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution joining with HUD and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to open housing; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Law, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") has promoted the observance of April as "Fair Housing Month" throughout the communities of this nation; and

WHEREAS, this City, since the year 1965, has continually and consistently approved and encouraged the concept of fair housing throughout the City of Cleveland Heights and the entire Cleveland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, 46 years ago, in 1976, this Council committed itself to a Resolution establishing the Nine-Point Plan to promote a well-maintained, full-service residential community, to prevent re-segregation and to develop programs with residents, community organizations, the Board of Education, the business community, and other institutions to implement this Plan; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the City of Cleveland Heights has created and operated programs to continue integration and to educate and persuade residents and non-residents of the benefits of integrated neighborhoods in this City and others across the country.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 2022 to be *Fair Housing Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights. The City joins with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and other communities nationwide in the observation of *Fair Housing Month* and hereby reaffirms its commitment established over 50 years ago to fair housing in Cleveland Heights and throughout the Greater Cleveland area and the nation.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

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SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *Fair Housing Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2022 (MS), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2022 Energized Community Grant(s) Funds; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC”) and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2022 (“NEC Grant(s)”) as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. to receive one or more NEC Grant(s);

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2022.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to take all actions necessary to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds for 2022.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance 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 3. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to accept and make use of the grant funds described herein at the earliest time possible. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 4/4/2022

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2022 (F), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

An ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 139-2021 (F), relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights that:

SECTION 1. Certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 139-2021 (F) relating to appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 be, and the same hereby are increased, decreased and/or transferred in the amounts set forth in Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. All expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights within the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, shall be made within the appropriations herein provided. "Appropriation" as used herein means the total amount appropriated for the individual fund. Notwithstanding the financial detail herein presented within an individual fund, the Mayor is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within each fund, so long as the total amount appropriated for each individual fund is not exceeded.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one paper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the ongoing and continuous need to preserve the faith and credit of the City. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2022 (F), *First Reading*

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

Passed:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

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## Exhibit 1

| Fund                         | Department                      | Object            | Reason                                                                                                                                           | Approved Budget      | Requested Change | Revised Budget       | Net Effect to Budget                    |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 101 - General                | 3101 - Finance                  | Personal Services | Transfer to accommodate costs of a temporary employee.                                                                                           | 512,505.06           | (12,180.00)      | 500,325.06           | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
|                              |                                 | O.T.P.S.          | Transfer to accommodate costs of a temporary employee.                                                                                           | 116,170.00           | 12,180.00        | 128,350.00           | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
|                              | 7201 - Police Admin             | Personal Services | Transfer to move Personal Services expenses from Animal Control to Police Administration.                                                        | 9,381,544.63         | 80,636.07        | 9,462,180.70         | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
|                              | 8701 - Animal Protection        | Personal Services | Transfer to move Personal Services expenses from Animal Control to Police Administration.                                                        | 80,636.07            | (80,636.07)      | 0.00                 | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
| 208 - CDBG Resource          | 5303 - CDBG Housing Pres Office | O.T.P.S.          | 2021 CDBG carryover.                                                                                                                             | 177,155.00           | 1,000.00         | 178,155.00           | Zero - Grant funds will cover the cost. |
|                              |                                 |                   | Transfer for payment of postage fees.                                                                                                            | 177,155.00           | 400.00           | 177,555.00           | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
|                              |                                 | Capital           | Transfer for payment of postage fees.                                                                                                            | 2,000.00             | (400.00)         | 1,600.00             | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
| 606 - ALS Ambulance Services | 7304 - ALS Ambulance Services   | O.T.P.S.          | Transfer to return funds received in 2020 from the US Department of Health and Human Services due to miscommunication in reporting requirements. | 257,162.00           | 19,788.42        | 276,950.42           | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
|                              |                                 | Capital           | Transfer to return funds received in 2020 from the US Department of Health and Human Services due to miscommunication in reporting requirements. | 646,768.00           | (19,788.42)      | 626,979.58           | Zero - budget is being transferred.     |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                  | <b>11,173,940.76</b> | <b>1,000.00</b>  | <b>11,174,940.76</b> |                                         |

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2022 (F), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of street lighting; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended to this Council that a portion of the cost and expense of lighting the streets and public places in the City for a period of two (2) years be paid by special assessment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the yearly rate of assessment established by Resolution No. 48-2020 be renewed.

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

SECTION 1. It is the determination of this Council that it is necessary for the public health, convenience and welfare of the City to assess a portion of the cost and expense of lighting the streets and public places in the City upon the lands hereinafter described for a period of two (2) consecutive years, beginning with the 2022 Tax Duplicate for collection in the years 2023 through 2024, inclusive, at the annual rate of Ninety-Two Cents (\$0.92) per front foot, subject to a Corner Lot Reduction as set forth in Section (2) herein below, if applicable.

SECTION 2. Total footage is determined by the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer, and for corner lots shall consist of the front footage (the front of the lot being determined by the property address), the radius or curve, and the side footage. If the actual side footage is less than one hundred (100) feet, the assessment shall be based solely upon the main front footage. If the actual side footage equals or exceeds one hundred (100) feet, then the footage for the purposes of this assessment shall be determined by adding the front footage, the radius/curve and the side footage, and subtracting one hundred (100) feet from this number ("Corner Lot Reduction").

SECTION 3. Two percent (2%) of the entire cost of said street lighting, plus the cost of lighting street intersections, shall be paid by the City; the remainder of said cost and expense shall be assessed upon all the lots and lands bounding upon the following dedicated streets, or parts of such streets, or public places in the City, to-wit:

All the lots and lands on the following dedicated streets:

|                  |                 |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Allston Road     | Ardoon Street   | Bayreuth Road     |
| Alpine Road      | Arlington Road  | Beechwood Avenue  |
| Altamont Avenue  | Ashton Road     | Bellfield Avenue  |
| Andrews Road     | Atherstone Road | Belvoir Boulevard |
| Antisdale Avenue | Avondale Road   | Bendemeer Road    |
| Ardleigh Drive   | Bainbridge Road | Berkeley Avenue   |

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|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Berkeley Road       | Crest Road           | Fenley Road       |
| Berkshire Lane      | Cumberland Road      | Forest View Drive |
| Berkshire Road      | Cummings Road        | Glen Allen Drive  |
| Beverly Road        | Dartmoor Road        | Glenwood Road     |
| Birch Tree Path     | Delamere Drive       | Goodnor Road      |
| Blackmore Road      | Delaware Drive       | Grandview Avenue  |
| Bolton Road         | Dellwood Road        | Greyton Road      |
| Boynton Road        | Delmore Road         | Guilford Road     |
| Bradford Road       | Demington Drive      | Hampshire Lane    |
| Brandon Road        | Denton Drive         | Hampshire Road    |
| Brentwood Road      | Derbyshire Road      | Hampstead Road    |
| Briarwood Road      | DeSota Avenue        | Harcourt Drive    |
| Brinkmore Road      | Devonshire Drive     | Hartwood Road     |
| Burbridge Road      | Dresden Road         | Harvey Road       |
| Burlington Road     | East Derbyshire Road | Haselton Road     |
| Cadwell Avenue      | East Fairfax Road    | Helmsdale Road    |
| Carver Road         | East Monmouth Road   | Henderson Road    |
| Castleton Road      | East Overlook Road   | Hereford Road     |
| Cecil Place         | Eastwick Road        | Hillstone Road    |
| Cedar Glen          | Edendale Street      | Hollister Road    |
| Chatfield Drive     | Edgerly Road         | Hyde Park Avenue  |
| Chelsea Drive       | Edgewood Road        | Idlewood Road     |
| Clarence Road       | Edison Drive         | Inglewood Road    |
| Clarendon Road      | Edwards Road         | Ivydale Road      |
| Clarkson Road       | Elandon Drive        | Janette Avenue    |
| Cleveland Heights   | Elbon Road           | Kenilworth Lane   |
| Boulevard           | Englewood Road       | Kenilworth Road   |
| Clifford Drive      | Erieview Road        | Kensington Road   |
| Colchester Road     | Essex Road           | Kent Road         |
| Coleridge Road      | Euclid Heights       | Kerrwood Road     |
| Colonial Drive      | Boulevard            | Kew Road          |
| Compton Road        | Exeter Road          | Keystone Drive    |
| Corydon Road        | Fairfax Road         | Kildare Road      |
| Cottage Grove Drive | Fairhill Road        | Kingston Road     |
| Kirkwood Road       | Marlboro Road        | Murray Hill Road  |
| Lamberton Road      | Marlindale Road      | Navahoe Road      |
| Lancashire Road     | Medford Road         | Nobleshire Road   |
| Langton Road        | Middlefield Road     | Norfolk Road      |
| Lecona Drive        | Middlehurst Road     | Northampton Road  |
| Lennox Road         | Middleton Road       | Nottinghill Lane  |
| Lincoln Boulevard   | Minor Park Lane      | Oak Road          |
| Lowell Road         | Monmouth Road        | Oakdale Road      |
| Lownesdale Road     | Montevista Road      | Oakridge Drive    |
| Lynn Park Drive     | Montford Road        | Orchard Road      |
| Maple Road          | Mornington Lane      | Ormond Road       |
| Maplewood Road      | Mount Laurel Road    | Overlook Lane     |

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Oxford Road               | South Overlook Road |
| Parkdale Road             | Spangler Road       |
| Parkhill Road             | Staunton Road       |
| Parkway Drive             | Stillman Road       |
| Pembrook Road             | Stoneleigh Road     |
| Pennifield Road           | Stratford Road      |
| Pomona Road               | Stuart Road         |
| Powell Avenue             | Summit Park Road    |
| Preyer Avenue             | Superior Park Drive |
| Princeton Road            | Surrey Road         |
| Quarry Drive              | Sycamore Road       |
| Queenston Road            | Sylvanhurst Road    |
| Radcliffe Road            | Sylvania Road       |
| Radnor Road               | Taylor Road (South) |
| Randolph Road             | Thayne Road         |
| Redwood Road              | Thorne Road         |
| Renfield Road             | Tower Road          |
| Renrock Road              | Tremont Road        |
| Revere Road               | Tudor Drive         |
| Rexwood Road              | Vandermar Street    |
| Ridgefield Road           | Vineshire Road      |
| Rinard Road               | Walden Road         |
| Rock Court                | Wellington Road     |
| Rockwood Road             | Westminster Road    |
| Rosedale Road             | Westover Road       |
| Rosemond Road             | Whitby Road         |
| Rossmoor Road             | Whitethorn Road     |
| Roxboro Road              | Wilmar Court        |
| Rumson Road               | Wilmar Road         |
| Runnymede Boulevard       | Wilton Road         |
| Rushleigh Road            | Windsor Road        |
| Rutherford Road           | Winsford Road       |
| Rydalmount Road           | Wood Road           |
| St. Albans Road           | Woodmere Drive      |
| St. James Parkway (North) | Woodridge Road      |
| St. James Parkway (West)  | Woodview Road       |
| Scarborough Road          | Woodward Avenue     |
| Seaton Road               | Wynn Road           |
| Selwyn Road               | Yellowstone Road    |
| Severance Circle Drive    | Yorkshire Road      |
| Severn Road               |                     |
| Shaker Road               |                     |
| Shannon Road              |                     |
| Somerton Road             |                     |
| South Compton Road        |                     |
| South Noble Road          |                     |

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Also all the lots and lands lying within the City of Cleveland Heights on the following streets:

|                       |                        |                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ardmore Road          | Elmwood Road           | Nordway Road             |
| Belmar Road           | Eloise Drive           | Northcliffe Road         |
| Blanche Avenue        | Fairmount Boulevard    | North Park Boulevard     |
| Bluestone Road        | Forest Hills Boulevard | Northvale Boulevard      |
| Brewster Road         | Glenmont Road          | North Woodland Road      |
| Brunswick Road        | Glynn Road             | Oakhill Road             |
| Caledonia Avenue      | Grosvenor Road         | Overlook Road            |
| Cambridge Road        | Hanover Drive          | Quilliams Road           |
| Canterbury Road       | Hillcrest Road         | Ravine Drive             |
| Cedar Road            | Lee Boulevard          | Reyburn Road             |
| Cedarbrook Road       | Lee Road               | Roanoke Road             |
| Chestnut Hills Drive  | Mayfield Road          | Shelburne Road           |
| Cleviden Road         | Meadowbrook Boulevard  | Silsby Road              |
| Coventry Road         | Monticello Boulevard   | Superior Road            |
| East Antisdale Avenue | Mount Vernon Boulevard | Taylor Road (North)      |
| East Scarborough Road | Nela View Road         | Tullamore Road           |
| Eddington Road        | Newbury Drive          | Warrensville Center Road |
| Edgehill Road         | Noble Road             | Washington Boulevard     |

No such assessment shall be placed upon any lot or land which does not bound upon a dedicated street, or part of such street, or public place in the City.

SECTION 4. The plans and estimates of costs of the proposed improvements on file with the Director of Finance and Clerk of Council are hereby approved.

SECTION 5. Said assessment shall be paid in two (2) equal annual installments, shall be certified to the County Fiscal Officer and placed upon the Tax Duplicate according to law, and shall be collected as other taxes; provided, however, that a property owner shall have the option of paying the assessment in cash within one hundred fifty (150) days from the passage of the levy ordinance.

SECTION 6. No notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said special assessment.

SECTION 7. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the entire Resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights. The Clerk of Council shall also serve notice of passage of this Resolution in the manner provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 727.13 on all persons required by the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 727.14 to receive such notice. Before the date of the

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first publication, the Director of Finance and/or Clerk of Council shall prepare and have on file in her office her “assessment list” showing in detail the amount of said assessments which are proposed to be levied upon lots and parcels of land affected by this proceeding. Any complaints or objections against said assessments must be filed with the Assessment Equalization Board or the Clerk of Council within two (2) weeks after the completion of the notice of assessment pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.13 or 727.14. An owner who fails to so file an objection will be deemed to have waived any objection to the assessment.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including the City’s Charter, its Codified Ordinances, and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 9. This Resolution is a preliminary step in the program of assessing a portion of the cost and expense of lighting the streets and public places in the City, which program is essential for the preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare. Because there are other required procedures and time limitations which are part of the assessment process, and because the final assessment must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer in September 2022 if it is to be added to the 2022 Tax Duplicate, it is therefore necessary for the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of Cleveland Heights that this Resolution be passed as an emergency measure. Wherefore, this Resolution, having received the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of this Council is hereby adopted and shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2022 (F), *First Reading*

Presented to Mayor:

Approved:

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2022 (F), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of improvement of streets and parkways including grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, repairing, sweeping or cleaning thereof, removing snow therefrom, and planting, maintaining and removing shade trees thereon; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended to this Council that a portion of the cost and expense of improvement of streets and parkways including grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, repairing, sweeping or cleaning thereof, removing snow therefrom, and planting, maintaining and removing shade trees thereon be paid by special assessment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the yearly rate of assessment established by Resolution No. 49-2020 be renewed.

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

SECTION 1. It is the determination of this Council that it is necessary for the public health, convenience, and welfare of the City to assess a portion of the cost and expense of improvement of streets and parkways including grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, sweeping or cleaning thereof, removing snow therefrom, and planting, maintaining and removing shade trees in the City upon the lands hereinafter described for a period of two (2) consecutive years, beginning with the 2022 Tax Duplicate for collection in the years 2023 through 2024, inclusive, at the annual rate of One Dollar and Eight Cents (\$1.08) per front foot, subject to a Corner Lot Reduction as set forth in Section (2) herein below, if applicable.

SECTION 2. Total footage is determined by the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer, and for corner lots shall consist of the front footage (the front of the lot being determined by the property address), the radius or curve, and the side footage. If the actual side footage is less than one hundred (100) feet, the assessment shall be based solely upon the main front footage. If the actual side footage equals or exceeds one hundred (100) feet, then the footage for purposes of this assessment shall be determined by adding the front footage, the radius/curve, and the side footage, and subtracting one hundred (100) feet from this number ("Corner Lot Reduction").

SECTION 3. Two Percent (2%) of the cost of said improvements whose costs are to be assessed shall be paid by the City; the remainder of said cost and expense shall be assessed upon all the lots and lands bounding upon the following dedicated streets, or parts of such streets, or public places in the City, to-wit:

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All the lots and lands on the following dedicated streets:

|                   |                      |                   |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Allston Road      | Clifford Drive       | Goodnor Road      |
| Alpine Road       | Colchester Road      | Grandview Avenue  |
| Altamont Avenue   | Coleridge Road       | Greyton Road      |
| Andrews Road      | Colonial Drive       | Guilford Road     |
| Antisdale Avenue  | Compton Road         | Hampshire Lane    |
| Ardleigh Drive    | Corydon Road         | Hampshire Road    |
| Ardoon Street     | Cottage Grove Drive  | Hampstead Road    |
| Arlington Road    | Crest Road           | Harcourt Drive    |
| Ashton Road       | Cumberland Road      | Hartwood Road     |
| Atherstone Road   | Cummings Road        | Harvey Road       |
| Avondale Road     | Dartmoor Road        | Haselton Road     |
| Bainbridge Road   | Delamere Drive       | Helmsdale Road    |
| Bayreuth Road     | Delaware Drive       | Henderson Road    |
| Beechwood Avenue  | Dellwood Road        | Hereford Road     |
| Bellfield Avenue  | Delmore Road         | Hillstone Road    |
| Belvoir Boulevard | Demington Drive      | Hollister Road    |
| Bendemeer Road    | Denton Drive         | Hyde Park Avenue  |
| Berkeley Avenue   | Derbyshire Road      | Idlewood Road     |
| Berkeley Road     | DeSota Avenue        | Inglewood Road    |
| Berkshire Lane    | Devonshire Drive     | Ivydale Road      |
| Berkshire Road    | Dresden Road         | Janette Avenue    |
| Beverly Road      | East Derbyshire Road | Kenilworth Lane   |
| Birch Tree Path   | East Fairfax Road    | Kenilworth Road   |
| Blackmore Road    | East Monmouth Road   | Kensington Road   |
| Bolton Road       | East Overlook Road   | Kent Road         |
| Boynton Road      | Eastwick Road        | Kerrwood Road     |
| Bradford Road     | Edendale Street      | Kew Road          |
| Brandon Road      | Edgerly Road         | Keystone Drive    |
| Brentwood Road    | Edgewood Road        | Kildare Road      |
| Briarwood Road    | Edison Drive         | Kingston Road     |
| Brinkmore Road    | Edwards Road         | Kirkwood Road     |
| Burbridge Road    | Elandon Drive        | Lamberton Road    |
| Burlington Road   | Elbon Road           | Lancashire Road   |
| Cadwell Avenue    | Englewood Road       | Langton Road      |
| Carver Road       | Erieview Road        | Lecona Drive      |
| Castleton Road    | Essex Road           | Lennox Road       |
| Cecil Place       | Euclid Heights       | Lincoln Boulevard |
| Cedar Glen        | Boulevard            | Lowell Road       |
| Chatfield Drive   | Exeter Road          | Lownesdale Road   |
| Chelsea Drive     | Fairfax Road         | Lynn Park Drive   |
| Clarence Road     | Fairhill Road        | Maple Road        |
| Clarendon Road    | Fenley Road          | Maplewood Road    |
| Clarkson Road     | Forest View Drive    | Marlboro Road     |
| Cleveland Heights | Glen Allen Drive     | Marlindale Road   |
| Boulevard         | Glenwood Road        | Medford Road      |

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|                   |                           |                  |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Middlefield Road  | Rossmoor Road             | Wilmar Court     |
| Middlehurst Road  | Roxboro Road              | Wilmar Road      |
| Middleton Road    | Rumson Road               | Wilton Road      |
| Minor Park Lane   | Runnymede Boulevard       | Windsor Road     |
| Monmouth Road     | Rushleigh Road            | Winsford Road    |
| Montevista Road   | Rutherford Road           | Wood Road        |
| Montford Road     | Rydalmount Road           | Woodmere Drive   |
| Mornington Lane   | St. Albans Road           | Woodridge Road   |
| Mount Laurel Road | St. James Parkway (North) | Woodview Road    |
| Murray Hill Road  | St. James Parkway (West)  | Woodward Avenue  |
| Navahoe Road      | Scarborough Road          | Wynn Road        |
| Nobleshire Road   | Seaton Road               | Yellowstone Road |
| Norfolk Road      | Selwyn Road               | Yorkshire Road   |
| Northampton Road  | Severance Circle Drive    |                  |
| Nottinghill Lane  | Severn Road               |                  |
| Oak Road          | Shaker Road               |                  |
| Oakdale Road      | Shannon Road              |                  |
| Oakridge Drive    | Somerton Road             |                  |
| Orchard Road      | South Compton Road        |                  |
| Ormond Road       | South Noble Road          |                  |
| Overlook Lane     | South Overlook Road       |                  |
| Oxford Road       | Spangler Road             |                  |
| Parkdale Road     | Staunton Road             |                  |
| Parkhill Road     | Stillman Road             |                  |
| Parkway Drive     | Stoneleigh Road           |                  |
| Pembrook Road     | Stratford Road            |                  |
| Pennfield Road    | Stuart Road               |                  |
| Pomona Road       | Summit Park Road          |                  |
| Powell Avenue     | Superior Park Drive       |                  |
| Preyer Avenue     | Surrey Road               |                  |
| Princeton Road    | Sycamore Road             |                  |
| Quarry Drive      | Sylvanhurst Road          |                  |
| Queenston Road    | Sylvania Road             |                  |
| Radcliffe Road    | Taylor Road (South)       |                  |
| Radnor Road       | Thayne Road               |                  |
| Randolph Road     | Thorne Road               |                  |
| Redwood Road      | Tower Road                |                  |
| Renfield Road     | Tremont Road              |                  |
| Renrock Road      | Tudor Drive               |                  |
| Revere Road       | Vandermar Street          |                  |
| Rexwood Road      | Vineshire Road            |                  |
| Ridgefield Road   | Walden Road               |                  |
| Rinard Road       | Wellington Road           |                  |
| Rock Court        | Westminster Road          |                  |
| Rockwood Road     | Westover Road             |                  |
| Rosedale Road     | Whitby Road               |                  |
| Rosemond Road     | Whitethorn Road           |                  |

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Also all the lots and lands lying within the City of Cleveland Heights on the following streets:

|                       |                        |                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ardmore Road          | Elmwood Road           | Nordway Road             |
| Belmar Road           | Eloise Drive           | Northcliffe Road         |
| Blanche Avenue        | Fairmount Boulevard    | North Park Boulevard     |
| Bluestone Road        | Forest Hills Boulevard | Northvale Boulevard      |
| Brewster Road         | Glenmont Road          | North Woodland Road      |
| Brunswick Road        | Glynn Road             | Oakhill Road             |
| Caledonia Avenue      | Grosvenor Road         | Overlook Road            |
| Cambridge Road        | Hanover Drive          | Quilliams Road           |
| Canterbury Road       | Hillcrest Road         | Ravine Drive             |
| Cedar Road            | Lee Boulevard          | Reyburn Road             |
| Cedarbrook Road       | Lee Road               | Roanoke Road             |
| Chestnut Hills Drive  | Mayfield Road          | Shelburne Road           |
| Cleviden Road         | Meadowbrook Boulevard  | Silsby Road              |
| Coventry Road         | Monticello Boulevard   | Superior Road            |
| East Antisdale Avenue | Mount Vernon Boulevard | Taylor Road (North)      |
| East Scarborough Road | Nela View Road         | Tullamore Road           |
| Eddington Road        | Newbury Drive          | Warrensville Center Road |
| Edgehill Road         | Noble Road             | Washington Boulevard     |

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SECTION 4. The plans and estimates of costs of the proposed improvements on file with the Director of Finance and Clerk of Council are hereby approved.

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SECTION 6. No notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said special assessment.

SECTION 7. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the entire Resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights. The Clerk of Council shall also serve notice of passage of this Resolution in the manner provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 727.13 on all persons required by the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 727.14 to receive such notice. Before the date of the first publication, the Director of Finance and/or Clerk of Council shall prepare and have on file in her office her "assessment list" showing in detail the amount of said assessments which are proposed

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to be levied upon lots and parcels of land affected by this proceeding. Any complaints or objections against said assessments must be filed with the Assessment Equalization Board or the Clerk of Council within two (2) weeks after the completion of the notice of assessment pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.13 and 727.14. An owner who fails to so file an objection will be deemed to have waived any objection to the assessment.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including the City's Charter, its Codified Ordinances, and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 9. This Resolution is a preliminary step in the program of assessing a portion of the cost and expense of improvement of streets and parkways including grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, repairing, sweeping or cleaning thereof, removing snow therefrom, and planting, maintaining and removing shade trees thereon, which program is essential for the preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare. Because there are other required procedures and time limitations which are part of the assessment process, and because the final assessment must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer in September 2022 if it is to be added to the 2022 Tax Duplicate, it is therefore necessary for the public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of Cleveland Heights that this Resolution be passed as an emergency measure. Wherefore, this Resolution, having received the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of this Council is hereby adopted and shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2022 (F), *First Reading*

Presented to Mayor:

Approved:

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/04/2022

ORDINANCE NO. 42-2022 (AS), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren and Council Member Cobb

An Ordinance amending Chapter 107, “Public Meetings,” of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights by providing that the City may enter into executive session for the purposes identified in Section 107.01 or for any purpose allowed under the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to Chapter 107 would align Cleveland Heights’ public meetings policies more closely with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that proposed amendments to Chapter 107 are in the best interest of the City and its residents.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Current Section 107.01 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and is hereby amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 2. Current Section 107.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be, and is hereby, repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance 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 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time possible permitted by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

**Exhibit A**

**107.01 PUBLIC MEETINGS; EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.**

(a) All meetings of Council, Council committees, commissions, boards, citizen advisory committees of Council, and other public bodies of the City shall be open to the public unless an executive session is authorized under the applicable provisions of this chapter. Nothing herein contained shall mandate that any public body of this City permit public participation in such open meetings unless specifically required by the provisions of the City Charter or these Codified Ordinances.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the Codified Ordinances, all meetings of Council, boards and commissions, and other public bodies of the City shall be held at the Cleveland Heights City Hall, or at other public buildings or properties within the City. Meetings held in executive session may be held at locations other than the City or school properties so long as proper notice of such meeting is given in the manner provided by Section 107.02.

(c) The Council, Council committees, commissions, boards, citizen advisory committees of Council, and other public bodies of the City may meet in executive session for all or a portion of any meeting for the consideration of any of the matters outlined immediately below:

(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of any public employee or public official, the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or contractee of the City or one who seeks to be an employee, licensee or contractee of the City.

(2) To consider the terms of purchase or lease of real or personal property for public purposes, or the terms of sale or lease of City owned real or personal property.

(3) To discuss with an attorney for the public body, claims or disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending court action, or in the judgment of such attorney, appear likely to be the subject of a future court action or claim.

(4) Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees or their representatives concerning such employees compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

- (5) Meetings required to be kept confidential by applicable Federal, State or local law or regulations.
- (6) Discussions of security arrangements in existence, or plans for future security arrangements, dealing with the public safety, where such discussions might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing crimes or avoiding detection or prosecution for violations of the law.
- (7) To consider the proposed terms of a contract between the City and a contractee or proposed contractee of the City, where the discussions of the terms or proposed terms of such contract in the judgment of an attorney for the City, might give an unfair competition advantage to such contractee, or be a detriment to the position of the City in securing contract terms.
- (8) Where Council or a board or commission of the public body, is sitting to decide an issue or matter in a quasi-judicial proceeding, but only after all of the evidence to come before such body has been heard.
- (9) Any matter for which an executive session may be held pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.
- (d) No vote of any kind may be taken of the members of a public body during an executive session of such body.



## CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Monday, February 7, 2022 Minutes**

**CITY COUNCIL**

7:45 – 8:52 p.m.

President Hart presiding

Roll Call:      Present:      Cobb, Cuda, Hart, Mattox, Moore, Russell  
                    Absent:      None

Staff Present: Hanna, Himmelein, Niermann-O'Neil, Seren

**Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 10, 2022**

Minutes were approved without any objections.

**Matter of Record**

**Personal communications from citizens**

Marian Bryant returned to talk about the issue on Mayfield Road between South Noble Road and Warrensville Road, regarding the enormous barrels. Ms. Bryant is stating that she received no follow up from Mayor Seren after the last meeting when he promised to go out and look at them and follow up with her. She's wondering if they need to hire a consultant to come out, evaluate the situation and report back to council, she estimates it'll cost about \$40K-45K. She states that the pots have become garbage cans and now they have snow on them. She states she's committed to seeing justice is done in that area of Cleveland Heights and she plans to come to each of these meetings until she has justice.

Mayor Seren stated he has Ms. Bryant's information and he'll be reaching out with a little bit more information about the entire process. He stated that it's an ongoing discussion with planning.

Destiny Burns is advocating for two legislative measures today, the first is the measure to purchase the two buildings on Cedar Road near Lee, which she requests that the Council vote yes on. The second she states is the petition ordinance for those who oppose the Cedar Lee Meadowbrook development. Ms. Burns strongly urges the Council to follow the recommendation of the January 24 Committee of the Whole meeting and vote no to reject it. She's a homeowner and business owner in the Cedar Lee district and states the development would be a lifeline and it needs to proceed as planned. She does not think that the people behind this initiative to stop the development are going to be deterred but as a taxpayer and citizen, she's outraged by the waste of time and resources needed to facilitate

it. She recognizes the petitioners right to propose it and oppose the development but thinks that it's an attempt to invalidate a contract, calling it unconstitutional on a state and federal level. If this petition is going to be on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot, she states she will do everything she can to defeat it. Ms. Burns thanks the Council for their support of the project, calling it vital to the city.

Fran Menthacknowledges that the Council will vote down the petition initiative for the Meadowbrook Law public square but states that according to the Charter, they still have the right to get it on the ballot and they will do so. She cites an obligation to the signatories of the petition – where they received 3,417 valid signatures. She states this is equal to 30% of the people who voted in the historic mayoral election of November 2021. Ms. Menthacknowledges that the petition indicates strong community interest and concern. Since 2013, the city has tried to develop the 5 acres of land but she claims the city has never asked the citizens what they want what done with it. Three of the petitioners submitted three formal proposals during those years. In 2021, they asked City Council eight times that the idea of a public square be put on the agenda. The petition was certified two weeks ago and Ms. Menthacknowledges that someone on their behalf asked City Council and the City staff to meet with them to compromise and work out a better plan but she claims the Council refused. She states they can't be impartial because the city is representing Flaherty and Collins and not the citizens of Cleveland Heights. She's looking forward to victory in May and gave the petition initiative's domain name: Cedarleepublicsquare.com.

Danielle Dronet is a Cleveland Heights resident in private mental health practice. She's joining Ohio Revolution and Partners in Health Engage in seeking the City Council's endorsement of Medicare for All. She cites the spiraling effect she sees the majority of her patients go through when they don't have the means to pay for medical care. And the struggle is not limited to just her patients with long term issues, but with most everyone. She discussed the economic downfall that happens when people have to make the choice between paying their bills or have enough money for necessities with affording their medical costs. She said Medicare for All is about the ability to afford life without the financial death caused by medical bills.

Avi Horwitz is speaking on behalf of Rachel Collyer (a third generation Cleveland Heights resident and community organizer), urging City Council to introduce and pass a resolution in support of Medicare for All. No one should have to go without lifesaving medical care and make impossible choices between paying for necessary prescriptions or rent. It is morally imperative that we pass Medicare for All as quickly as possible.

Amber Akhter is a CWRU biochemistry major here as part of a student organization Partners in Health Engage, which focuses on local and global health equity. Despite the Affordable Care Act, 30 million Americans are still uninsured. She's urging City Council to support a resolution for Medicare for All. She's an aspiring doctor and she can no longer sit back and watch the healthcare infrastructure crumble.

Jordan Reif is a senior at Case and is also with Partners in Health Engage to urge City Council to support a resolution for Medicare for All. She concurred with Amber that the current system is failing us. She does not enjoy sharing her personal story but feels it's

important. She went into anaphylactic shock as a result of an allergic reaction when she was in high school so she now has to carry EpiPens with her everywhere, every day. A few years ago, she tried to pick up her EpiPens but the pharmacy was out, there was a shortage. She was offered a German alternative but it wasn't covered by her insurance so she had to pay out of pocket, at a cost in the hundreds, which is not affordable for many. We can't live in a country that requires people to make these life-or-death decisions. She strongly urges that City Council introduce and pass a resolution in support of Medicare for all.

David Berenson came to the meeting thinking he'd probably comment on the Cedar Lee Meadowbrook development but after hearing all of the people discussing Medicare for all, he wanted to talk about that first. He is a long-time type 1 diabetic. He personally supports Medicare for All for those who want it. Regarding the development, he's sad that they are voting either yes or no on the entire thing. He agrees with the need for the development but he also says there is a need for the green space. He wishes there was a compromise. Now that he's not 'overly employed' for the first time in years, he would be the first one to volunteer to be on discussion group regarding it.

Michael Bennett wants to thank the Council for their courageous action at the Jan 24 meeting to recommend rejecting the proposed ordinance. He hopes the Council takes up the recommendation and affirms it as a strong reaffirmation of the project. He recognizes the petitioners right to put it on the ballot but wishes it happens sooner rather than later because of the cost of putting it on the May 3 ballot and doesn't want to see it cost more if it requires a special election. He is confident it will lose at the polls once people see the need for the development. The plan calls for 2.3 acres of green space, more than double than what was proposed by the petitioners, though some of that is going to be private areas for the residents living there. He wanted to thank the Council for their vote.

Joanne Siegel is a long-time Cleveland Heights resident and small business owner. Her first request is that the Council honor the contract with Flaherty and Collins, in other words, she requests they reject the proposed ordinance. Her second request is that they purchase the two buildings on Cedar so they can be included in the development and her third request is that the Council elect a new Council Member who fully supports the development contract. She shows her full support to the City to enter into the contract for the development because it develops all the parcels at once rather than a staggered plan. She states that the citizens backing the ballot have not shown they have a reasonable source of funding for the public park. Who is going to pay to have it done and who is going to maintain it? She thinks citizens have had plenty of time to express their opinions and now is the time to act.

Walter Thiem wanted to thank the council, F&C Development and their architects for all the work they've done to make project happen. He thinks it's a good-looking project and the mixed use and ample public green space will fit in well and add to the vibrancy of the business district. He also requests they reject the public park proposal.

## Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Seren wasn't intending to announce this now but in response to the communication they've received, he wanted to announce that he has drafted a resolution in support for Medicare for All with the plan to introduce it at the next regular Council meeting. He's currently looking for co-sponsors for the resolution. He recognizes it's ceremonial, but acknowledges that every bit of advocacy helps.

Council Member Russell states she would like to co-sponsor the resolution and give him additional information regarding some legislations on the state level (unions) that are trying to do that as well. Other Council Members expressed interest in co-sponsoring and Council President Hart indicated that it looks like Mayor Seren would have unanimous support.

\***MOTION** to request for permission to bid Project #2201-2022 Street Resurfacing and ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program, Project #2202-2022, 2023, 2024 Pavement Striping Program, and Project #2203-2022 East Overlook Waterline Replacement and Street Resurfacing Project, and to notify Council of Change Order Number 1 Final for Project #1903-2019, 2020, 2021 Pavement Striping Program and Change Order Number 2 Final for Project #2006 Delamere Drive Basement Flooding Relief Project.

Moved by Council Member Russell, seconded by Council Member Moore.

Roll Call:      Ayes: Cuda, Hart, Mattox, Moore, Russell, Cobb  
                    Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

## Report of the Clerk of Council

Notified Council that a notice has been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that an application has been made by Hunan Coventry LLC, d/b/a Hunan on Coventry, 1800 Coventry Road, 1st Floor and Basement, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 for a transfer of a D5 and D6 permit from Hunan Coventry Mingli Inc., d/b/a/ Hunan on Coventry, 1800 Coventry Road, 1st Floor and Basement, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

**Matter of Record**

Referred to: The Mayor, Chief of Police, and the Director of Law

## New Business

\***MOTION** to appoint Gail Larson to the seat vacated by former Council Member Kahlil Seren.

Moved by Vice President Cobb, seconded by Council Member Cuda

Roll Call:      Ayes: Hart, Mattox, Moore, Russell, Cobb, Cuda  
                    Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-2022 (F), *First Reading*.** An Ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 139-2021 (F), relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council President Hart

Moved by Council President Hart, seconded by Council Member Russell

Roll Call:      Ayes: Cobb, Cuda, Hart, Mattox, Moore, Russell  
                  Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

Council President Hart discussed the typical need to adjust the budget. In Ordinance 12-2022, the first two changes are a budget increase for leadership classes for the Mayor, and an increase to help with purchasing additional properties on Cedar for economic development, both funded with unbudgeted cash. The other two are increases that are funded; one is for Parking Deck Improvement Refunding Bonds where revenue will cover the cost. Other one is OWDA loan proceeds. The loan proceeds will cover the cost so they don't have any budget impact.

## **HOUSING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Nothing formal to report at this time. Council Member Cuda stated that meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled shortly. He requests that anybody who is interested in housing issues in Cleveland Heights join them once it's been rescheduled.

## **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-2022 (MS), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to accept funds under the 2022 Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program for the SSO Control of CH-2, CH-12, CH-30, CH-33, CH-39 and Rehabilitation Project; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Moore

Moved by Council Member Moore, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

Roll Call:      Ayes: Cobb, Cuda, Hart, Mattox, Moore, Russell  
                  Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-2022 (MS), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to accept funds under the 2022 Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program for the design control of the SSOs CH-9, CH-32, CH-57 AND CH-58 (Monmouth) Project; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Moore

Moved by Council Member Moore, Seconded by Council Member Russell

Roll Call:      Ayes: Cobb, Cuda, Hart, Mattox, Moore, Russell  
                    Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2022 (PD), *Second Reading*.** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of certain real property located at 13230-13232 Cedar Rd.; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Mattox

Moved by Council Member Mattox, Seconded by Council Member Moore

Roll Call:      Ayes: Mattox, Moore, Russell, Cobb, Cuda, Hart  
                    Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Nothing formal to report at this time. The committee had their meeting a couple of hours prior, attended by Council Member Cuda, Council President Hart, Council Member Mattox, Council Member Russell and Mayor Seren. They discussed six issues: the police department staffing issues, traffic stop data collection, complaints of random gun fire on New Year's Eve, the chronic problem of people speeding/running stop signs, and the Racial Justice Taskforce, where Robert Lampley gave a presentation regarding the goals on policing the task force is looking into. The presentation is posted online. It was basically a progress report and they are looking for recommendations in the coming months.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-2022 (AS), *First Reading*.** An Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Cleveland Heights of proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights for placement on the May 3, 2022 ballot; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Cuda

### Legislation Introduced

Council Member Cuda said they are putting forth an amendment and will try and get it on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot to allow Council to hire a Clerk of Council and any other employees they'd need to help them in their work. He wanted to thank his committee members, for letting him introduce the legislation, and Law Director Bill Hanna and Len Friedson from Citizens for an Elected Mayor for their help.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-2022 (CRR), *First Reading*.** A Resolution recognizing March 2022 as National Women's History Month; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Council Member Russell

### Legislation Introduced

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2022 (COTW), *First Reading*.** An Ordinance to require that a public activity park be created on the 1.07 acres of city-owned land at the corner of Lee Road, Tullamore Road and Meadowbrook Boulevard in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Introduced by Council President Hart

Moved by Council President Hart, Seconded by Council Member Cobb

Roll Call:      Ayes: None  
                    Nays: Moore, Russell, Cobb, Cuda, Hart, Mattox

### Legislation Failed

Council President Hart recalled that the park initiative was referred to the Committee of the Whole and the Committee had a report prepared. Council President Hart read the report from the Committee of the Whole that called for the rejection of the initiative ordinance and urged the passage of the ordinance which memorializes the rejection of the initiative ordinance. She confirmed with Law Director Bill Hanna that it's not required that they vote to accept the report.

**\*MOTION** to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 17-2022.

Moved by Council Member Cuda, seconded by Council Member Cobb

Roll Call:      Ayes: Cobb, Cuda, Hart, Mattox, Moore, Russell  
                    Nays: None

### Motion Passed

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-2022 (COTW), *First Reading*.** An Ordinance rejecting the Initiative Petition for a proposed Ordinance to require that a public activity park be created

on 1.07 acres of city-owned land at the corner of Lee Road, Tullamore Road and Meadowbrook Boulevard in Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council President Hart

Moved by Council President Hart, Council Member Russell

Roll Call:      Ayes: Russell, Cobb, Hart, Cuda, Mattox, Moore  
                    Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

Council President Hart explained why the Ordinance is being considered under emergency.

**Council Member Comments**

Council Member Mattox recognized the service departments for an amazing job clearing the streets of snow. He heard great things from residents so he wanted to shout them out. He also wanted to thank the Mayor as he's made history as not just the First Mayor but the First African American Mayor, congratulating him.

Council Member Moore seconded recognizing snow removal services for their excellent job with snow removal. She expressed her gratitude. She also wanted to encourage residents who haven't cleared their sidewalks/driveways to clear them so people aren't walking in the streets.

Council Member Russell also wanted to thank the public service workers for the snow removal. She suggested the creation of a public registry for individuals who have their own snow plows to help residents to get out of the snow if they can't do it themselves. She wants to thank Collette Clinkscale for an amazing job done. She's happy to say garbage cans and trucks are coming soon. She has discussed with Council President Hart the ARPA funds for the Noble Taylor area. A meeting is scheduled for March 13th. It will only be for the Noble area residents (by their request, not hers) with the intent to narrow down their wish list for the ARPA funds. She requested the presence of Mayor Seren at the meeting.

Vice President Cobb also wanted to express appreciation for snow removal services, saying the residents have to understand that the amount of snow has been unusual and the city has done a great job taking care of it. He also congratulated Council Member Larson for her appointment.

Council Member Cuda highlighted neighbors helping neighbors in the snow. He welcomed Council Member Gail Larson as well. He also stated his friend passed away that morning of February 7<sup>th</sup>, he was a COVID long-hauler. Council Member Cuda wanted to talk about thinking about mask wearing, getting vaccinated, getting boosted and staying safe. He thought the way to honor people's memories is to get the word out and keep reminding people how important it is.

Council Member Russell wanted to thank the Parks and Recs department for giving out COVID boosters last weekend.

## **Report of the Council President**

Council President Hart congratulated Gail Larson for her appointment and noted she wants to swear her in as soon as possible so they are fully staffed. She wanted to explain why they ‘declare emergency’. Emergency means it will go into effect immediately. If that language is not there, it won’t go into effect until 30 days after. There are some things they do that way, even after a couple of readings, because they want it to go into effect as soon as it’s enacted.

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,

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Melody Joy Hart  
President of Council

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Amy Himmlein  
Clerk of Council