



## CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Monday, June 21, 2022 Minutes**

**CITY COUNCIL**

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

President Hart presiding

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

**Approval of minutes of the Council meeting held on May 2, 2022, May 16, 2022 and May 23, 2022**

Minutes were approved without any objections. Councilwoman Russell mentioned a correction that she will email to Director Hanna.

**Matter of Record**

\***MOTION** to appoint Vice President Craig Cobb as Clerk Pro Tem of Council for the meeting.

Moved by Councilor Moore, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

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

**Motion Passed**

**Communications from the Mayor**

Mayor commended Coventry SID for the great Juneteenth event held at Coventry for creating a sense of community. He thanked Council for the anticipated passage of 3 pieces of legislation that are inspired by Pride month: the ban on conversion therapy, strengthening anti-discrimination language in contracts and an expansion of our maternal leave policy to allow more a more inclusive parental leave policy for all types of family to have an opportunity bond with their children.

**Report of the Clerk of Council**

Nothing to report at this time.

\***MOTION** to amend the agenda to move Resolutions 85-2022 through 94-2022 from First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested into the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilor Larson

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

**Motion Passed**

### **Personal communications from citizens on Agenda Items only**

Drew Herzog asks that the City support the ban on conversion therapy. He spoke about a time where left-handed children were the targets of conversion therapy. They were subjected to mental and physical abuse to cure them of being left-handed. The therapy did not work but instead created cognitive and other problems. Being LBGT, like being left-handed, is not an illness or disability. The LBGT community needs our guidance and support. He said please ban conversion therapy in Cleveland Heights.

## **LEGISLATION**

### **First Readings**

#### ***a. First Readings - Consideration of Adoption Requested***

**ORDINANCE NO. 83-2022 (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 the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Moore, Seconded by Councilor Larson

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

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 84-2022 (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 in order to provide for Council's hiring of a Clerk of Council and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

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

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 95-2022 (AS), *First Reading*.** An Ordinance approving and authorizing members of certain public bodies of the City of Cleveland Heights to hold and attend meetings, conduct and attend hearings, to be counted for purposes of the quorum for such body, and to vote on matters before such body, by means of teleconference, video conference or other similar electronic technology; amending Section 107.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

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

Councilman Cuda inquired if there is something Council can do to continue to zoom beyond June 30, 2022. Director Hanna responded that it is not as the Charter provides that Council will meet at such public places, whereas Boards and Commissions are not subject to that restriction. Councilwoman Larson inquired if it means the Board and Commissions that meet via zoom cannot do it in perpetuity. Director Hanna confirmed that she was correct.

**Legislation Passed**

***b. First Reading Only***

**ORDINANCE NO. 96-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** An Ordinance creating an Appraisal Gap Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**Legislation Introduced**

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-2022 (AS), *First Reading*.** A Resolution amending the standing committees of Council to update the general responsibilities of each standing committee

by subject matter; repealing Resolution No. 1-2022; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**Legislation Introduced**

**ORDINANCE NO. 98-2022 (PSH), First Reading.** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with T-Mobile Central LLC for the use of a portion of City-owned property located at 3445 Mayfield Road for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of a wireless communications facility and the grant of associated easements; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**Legislation Introduced**

c. **Second Readings**

**RESOLUTION NO. 70-2022 (F), Second Reading.** A Resolution appointing an Assessment Equalization Board to hear objections relative to the estimated assessments for 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 within the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Councilman Cuda

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

**Legislation Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 71-2022 (F), Second Reading.** A Resolution appointing an Assessment Equalization Board to hear objections relative to the estimated assessments for a portion of the expense of street lighting within the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Moore, Seconded by Councilor Larson

Roll Call:        Ayes: Mattox, Cuda, Moore, Hart, Larson, Cobb, Russell

Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 72-2022 (F), Second Reading.** A Resolution approving the adoption of the 2023 Tax Budget; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Larson, Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

**Legislation Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 73-2022 (F), Second Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Meritech and C.C.T. Financial for the acquisition and maintenance of copy machines for City employees; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 74-2022 (PSH), Second Reading.** An Ordinance amending Section 1509.04(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to prohibit the discharge, ignition, or explosion of fireworks at all times and dates, including certain days each year pursuant to State law; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopted by Councilor Larson, Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 75-2022 (PSH), Second Reading.** An Ordinance amending Chapter 749, “Fair Practices”, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to

prohibit any psychiatric treatment, including conversion therapy, the purpose of which is an attempt to change an individual's sexual orientation; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Larson, Seconded by President Hart

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

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 76-2022 (AS), *Second Reading*.** An Ordinance amending Codified Ordinance Section 111.10, *Clerk*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Vice President Cobb, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

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

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 77-2022 (AS), *Second Reading*.** An Ordinance enacting a new Section 171.011, *Non-Discrimination in City Contracts*, to prohibit persons contracting with the City from discriminating against any person based upon the person's age, race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or the nonconsensual dissemination of a person's private sexual images, and providing remedies for violations; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Vice President Cobb, Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

**Legislation Passed**

Councilwoman Russell expressed the significance of this legislation and is pleased the Mayor put the legislation on the forum.

**ORDINANCE NO. 78-2022 (AS), Second Reading.** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 25-2022, “Wage and Salary Ordinance,” providing for salary schedules, position classifications, and other compensation and benefits for officers and employees of the City, to add a salary schedule, position classification, and other compensation and benefits for a Clerk of Council and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Vice President Cobb, Second by Councilor Moore

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

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 79-2022 (AS), Second Reading.** An Ordinance repealing Sections 131.08 “Maternity Leave” and 139.13 “Maternity Leave” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, enacting a new Section 139.13 “Paid Parental and Childbirth Leave,” and amending Sections 131.15 “Other Leaves of Absence” and 139.16 “Other Leaves of Absence” to provide paid parental leave benefits for full-time, permanent employees.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Moore, Seconded by Councilor Larson

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

**Legislation Passed**

Councilor Moore said it's a very exciting step forward for the City and she thanked the Mayor for putting this forward and inviting her to be a part of it. Councilwoman Russell thanked the Mayor and Councilor Moore for introducing this legislation.

**ORDINANCE NO. 81-2022 (AS), Second Reading.** An Ordinance amending Section 150.02(a), “Members,” of Chapter 150, “Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Committee” of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, to remove City administrative staff from membership on the Committee.

Motion to Adopt by Vice President Cobb, Seconded by Councilman Mattox

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

**Legislation Passed**

Councilman Cuda wants people serving on these Committees to know that Council hears them. Several Committee members want to be valued and heard and he wants people to know that Council hears them, saying they want to use community expertise as best they can and they'll be moving legislation forward to make sure that happens.

**RESOLUTION NO. 82-2022 (CRR), Second Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming July 2022 to be National Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

**Legislation Passed**

**d. Consent Agenda**

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-2022 (PD), First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds in connection with its Margaret Wagner Affordable Senior Housing Project; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-2022 (PD), First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Family Connections of Northeast Ohio, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds in support of its Family School Connections Program and Parent Café Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-2022 (PD), First Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with FutureHeights, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide funding for assistance with its Community Capacity Building Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Agudath Israel of Ohio, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the payment of operating expenses for their Gesher Benefits Referral Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Heights Emergency Food Center, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the payment of operating and capital improvement expenses; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center (“HRRC”), a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for assistance with HRRC’s housing counseling, home-repair and home-improvement programs; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Lake Erie Ink, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide support for the organization’s Ink Spot After School Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Naaleh Cleveland, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide support for the organization’s mental health services programming; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Open Doors Academy, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to support the organization’s Out-of-School Time Program for Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District Middle School Scholars and the Out-of-School Time Program for Cleveland Heights High School

Scholars; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 94-2022 (PD), *First Reading*.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Start Right Community Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the payment of operating expenses for its Food Bank Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

\***MOTION** to suspend the rules.

Moved by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

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

**Motion Passed**

\***MOTION** to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

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

**Legislation Passed**

#### **Personal communications from citizens**

Christine Heggie has noticed that after attending several council meetings, most people are in support of preserving Horseshoe Lake and far outnumber the people who remain neutral or support the destruction of Horseshoe Lake. On June 6, 2022, an alternative plan to preserve Horseshoe Lake was presented to Council by TRC Engineer and dam expert Sean McGhee. This plan would preserve Horseshoe Lake, address flood and safety concerns and cost less than NEORSD plan. She urged Council not to pass up this valuable opportunity to save Horseshoe Lake.

Ee Durbin spoke about the Pride event and said he was taken aback at the large presence of police accompanying Mayor Seren at the event. He felt that the large presence of police impacts our City's desire to welcome all. He felt that placing police where they are not necessary is not community policing.

Robin Koslen said it is her understanding that Council's job is to create legislation and to come up with policy goals and the role of Mayor is administrative and is to sign or veto legislation. She said it seems

that the role of both is to communicate so that everything runs smoothly. She is not sure what roles the citizens play. For example, in Housing, regarding the foreclosure bond initiative, nothing has been referred to the courts. Parks and recreation no longer have a diving and synchronized team. She asked what is happening with Severance Circle? Where does she, as a citizen, do to make things better.

Tonya Palmer said she came to speak about Juneteenth. She was a little disappointed that little information was provided to the public regarding this event. This is our first National holiday. She would like to know how the City can provide better communication about upcoming future events.

Maya Evans was inquiring about the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. She wants to know the deadlines for the allocation of the funds, what they will be used for and the deadline for making use of the funds.

Cindy Evans stated that she recognizes that not all public comments at the City Council meetings align with agenda. She feels that priority should be given to all public comments. They should not be separated. She believes it creates a barrier and gives the impression that some comments are more important than others.

Nora Cruz-Price owns a business in Cleveland Heights and said several businesses are still struggling, including herself. She wants to know how the ARPA funds are progressing, when will the funds be dispersed and in what form the funds will be dispersed.

In response to Nora Cruz-Price, Councilwoman Hart stated the City has hired a consultant since there are a lot of documentation requirements. Public meetings regarding the ARPA funds will begin mid-July, 2022. Ms. Cruz-Price asked how citizens will know when those meetings will be held. The Mayor stated the public can obtain information regarding the public ARPA meetings on the Cleveland Heights website and they will make sure to post in any possible platform to make the public aware. Councilwoman Russell discussed the citizens addressing Council with their ARPA fund wish-list. Councilman Mattox stated that several community organizations want info on ARPA funds and said everyone needs to come to the public meetings.

## **Committee Reports**

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report but a meeting will be scheduled for August.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Larson announced there are 3 appointment to the Racial Task Force

\***MOTION** to appoint Mark Chuck to the Racial Justice Task Force as a new member.

Moved by Councilor Larson, Seconded by Councilman Mattox

Roll Call:        Ayes: Hart, Larson, Mattox, Moore, Russell, Cuda

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

\***MOTION** to appoint Ben Sperry to the Racial Justice Task Force as a new member.

Moved by Councilor Larson, Seconded by Councilman Cuda

Roll Call:        Ayes: Hart, Larson, Mattox, Moore, Russell, Cuda

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

\***MOTION** to appoint Reggie Evans Vice Chair of the Racial Justice Task Force.

Moved by Councilor Larson, Seconded by Councilman Cuda

Roll Call:        Ayes: Hart, Larson, Mattox, Moore, Russell, Cuda

Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **HOUSING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Cuda announced the next meeting will be August 1, 2022. Keisha Allen will be the guest.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Russell wanted to give people updates because this meeting will be the last meeting until August. She mentioned the following upcoming events:

- School of Rock opened June 10, 2022 and runs through June 26, 2022.
- The City has opened a cooling center at the Community Center Monday – Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- The registration for Cumberland Urban Swim summer program started on June 20, 2022. Classes start June 27, 2022 – August 5, 2022. These classes help teach lifesaving and swimming skills. No children under the age of 6 are permitted.
- The Hillcrest Heights Community Market takes place every Thursday through October 13, 2022 and is located at 711 S. Belvoir Rd, South Euclid, Ohio from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> annual jazz fest began June 18, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m in the Amphitheatre at Cain Park.
- Also, Juneteenth took place on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- A first of 6 free series open at Cain Park Jazz Fest 6 times during summer, every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m., June 21, 2022, July 19, 2022, July 26, 2022, August 9, 2022 and August 16, 2022. Also, there are free jazz concerts held at Cain Park on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. They start on June 19, 2022, July 10, 2022, July 24, 2022, July 31, 2022, August 14, 2022 and August 21, 2022.
- Community shredding day was June 18, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., at City Hall. The next community shredding day will be October 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and will take place in the Cleveland Heights City Hall parking lot.
- The Cain Park Arts Festival will take place July 8, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. -8:00 pm, July 9, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. and July 10, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. -5:00 pm.
- The Women's walk takes place at the Community Center on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- Support the SIDS Summerfest. They are featuring two concerts per month, yoga in the park lot and historical walks. Concerts that are taking place in the parking lot at Grandview Avenue behind Firestone on Cedar Road from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., during the months of June, July and August. Yoga in the lots will take place July 13, 2022 through August 10, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. People can register online at [summerfest2022.org](http://summerfest2022.org).
- Historical walks at the Cedar/Fairmount District will take place from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., July 31, 2022 – August 4, 2022.

- A huge thank you to the Coventry Village Safer Heights for a successful third annual Juneteenth celebration for freedom to celebrate the contributions of black communities in Cleveland Heights.
- The drum rolls take place on Sunday at the Coventry Peace Park.
- The Commission on Aging had a meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., at the Senior Activity Center. If you are Senior in Cleveland Heights looking for something to do check out the Senior Activity Center.
- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had their meeting this evening at the Community Center. The Commission on Aging and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will report on August 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- The next Commission on Aging meeting will be set for Friday, July 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Activity Center.
- The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2022 at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- The Community center is hiring a part time building attendant, fitness center assistant, lifeguard and public relations specialist. This info can be found on the Cleveland Heights website for more information
- This is our last council meeting before our July recess.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **Old Business**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **New Business**

Councilman Cuda inquired about a potential Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday as part of the Special Meeting. President Hart stated they will discuss it later.

## **Council Member Comments**

Councilman Cuda said he loved the Juneteenth celebration. He felt it was very friendly and festive. He recommending looking at the sign Ordinance and having signs at major intersections for a big upcoming event to help fix the gap between emails and social media notifications. He is also grateful for the \$290.09 he receives every two weeks.

Councilwoman Russell thanked the Coventry Village and Safer Heights for the Juneteenth Celebration. She wished the fathers a belated Happy Father's Day and a Happy Fourth of July.

Councilwoman Moore enjoyed the Juneteenth event with 2 of her children. She wished everyone a safe Fourth of July. She suggested using cooling centers to stay cool.

Councilman Mattox was proud to know the Juneteenth event went well even though he was attending a Juneteenth event in Atlanta. He grew up in the Noble area on Rushleigh Road. He was upset he was told he could not attend a meeting as it was in a private location. He feels the Noble/Taylor area was overlooked but he can't help what he doesn't know. He said he wanted to make clear he represents every area of the City. He said please do not hold any grudges to the present Council members relative to what the former Council members did or didn't do. He is here to work and serve.

Councilwoman Russell is happy that everyone on council is interested in Noble/Taylor Area. She has been living in the Noble/Taylor area for 55 years and has seen the transformation. She said she is not locking anyone out of meetings in that area.

President Hart wanted to make clear that she doesn't expect any bickering on this Council, she said if anyone has a problem, to go talk it out. She said Council is all at large, they represent everyone in the City. She said everyone there is concerned about Noble/Taylor.

### **Council President's Report**

**\*MOTION** to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official and a public employee.

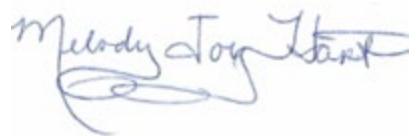
Motion to Adopt Councilman Cuda, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

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

**Motion Passed**

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,



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Melody Joy Hart  
President of Council



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Addie Balester  
Clerk of Council