



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

December 16, 2022

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Start: 10:04am

End: 11:00am

President Hart Presiding

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

Also Present: Director Hanna

***Motion to add Resolution 183-2022 to first readings only**

Motion by Vice President Cobb, Seconded by Councilman Mattox

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

a. First Readings—Consideration of Adoption Requested

ORDINANCE NO. 182-2022(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 139-2021(F) and subsequent amending and subsequent amending ordinance, 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.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to Adopt by President Hart, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

*Discussion: Councilor Larson had a couple of questions for Director Unetic. Councilman Cuda had a couple of questions regarding Cain Park operations/expenses, answered by Administrator Sinnott. Councilwoman Russell

had a question about CDBG funds, Administrator Sinnott said it would be looked into.

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

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 184-2022(F): *First Reading*. A Resolution authorizing an directing the Mayor to enter into a contract with CivicPlus for the installation and maintenance of a meeting management software program entitled CivicClerk; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Hart

Motion to Adopt by President Hart, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

*Discussion: Councilor Larson thanked the Clerk and President for the research done regarding this type of system/program.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7
 Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 185-2022(MSES): *First Reading*. A Resolution declaring climate change an emergency that threatens our city, region, state, nation, humanity, and the natural world, and which demands a massive-scale mobilization to address, mitigate, and prepare for the impacts of climate change; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilor Moore and Councilor Larson

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Moore, Seconded by Councilor Larson

*Discussion: Councilor Moore spoke on this issue and this piece of legislation in more depth. Councilor Larson expressed her reasons for co-sponsoring this legislation. Councilman Cuda shared his enthusiasm for this legislation. Councilwoman Russell thanked Councilor Moore for this legislation.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7
 Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

b. *Second Readings*

ORDINANCE NO. 177-2022(PSH): *Second Reading*. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a renewal of a License Agreement with the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, dba AT&T for a municipal parking lot at 13172 Cedar Road; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Larson, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 178-2022(MSES): *Second Reading*. A Resolution agreeing to allow Cuyahoga County to operate an Electric Public Utility in the City of Cleveland Heights pursuant to its powers under the State of Ohio and the Laws established by the Government of Cuyahoga County.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Moore, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

*Discussion: Councilor Moore gave a brief update from the MSES meeting that took place and where this piece of legislation was discussed in detail.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 179-2022(MSES): *Second Reading*. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for funding for lead remediation work to be performed on residential properties in the City; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilor Moore, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

*Discussion: Councilor Moore gave a brief update from the MSES meeting that took place where this piece of legislation was discussed in detail.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

ORDINANCE NO. 180-2022(PD): *Second Reading*. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the sale of certain real property located at 2228 Noble Road (primary address) consisting of several contiguous parcels; and

declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Councilor Larson

Discussion: Councilwoman Russell asked if council would be able to meet the developers for this project, Councilman Mattox said yes, as the project develops.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

c. *First Readings Only*

RESOLUTION NO. 183-2022(AS): *First Reading*. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and intergovernmental contract with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the calendar year 2023; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

d. *Third Readings*

ORDINANCE NO. 168-2022(F): *Third Reading As Amended*. An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by President Hart, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a.)** Administrative Services Committee
 - Application for Charter Review Commission will be available on the Cleveland Heights website soon.
- b.)** Community Relations and Recreation Committee
 - Parks and Recs Advisory Board had a discussion on their priorities come 2023 at their most recent meeting.

- c.) Finance Committee
 - Nothing to report
- d.) Housing and Building Committee
 - Nothing to report
- e.) Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability Committee
 - Expressed gratitude to the Mayor for being helpful and generous providing staff and contacts so that the MSES Committee can do their jobs properly and in a transparent way.
- f.) Planning and Development Committee
 - GAP Financing discussion and ARPA discussions continue; next meeting will be in the first two weeks in January.
- g.) Public Safety and Health Committee
 - Next meeting will be January 17, at 10am.
- h.) Committee of the Whole
 - Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- i. Councilman Cuda would like to have more communication with the public on how they feel Council is doing; potentially a questionnaire about how the new government is working, particularly from council's standpoint.
- ii. Councilwoman Russell brought up the bond issue regarding the ice rinks and senior center, asked if law director could investigate that; if there was a legal issue because of the bond issue.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- i. Councilor Larson: Just wanted to say happy holidays and looking forward to 2023.
- ii. Councilman Cuda: Commented on lead remediation in Cleveland Heights, specifically the piece of legislation passed tonight. Also expressed that he appreciated the budget process this year.
- iii. Vice President Cobb: Looking back at the first year of this new form of government, and while there have been growing pains, Council has done a good job this year; having filled a Council vacancy, passed lead safe legislation this year, passed final pieces of legislation for CLM Development that had been stalled for years, approved legislation for the Taylor-Tudor development, passed legislation putting a charter amendment on the ballot to make a clerk position, then voted on and hired a clerk, had in depth and transparent budget hearings, an*Cd approved the Mayor's appointment of a well-qualified City Administrator, and a well-qualified Finance Director. Overall this first year has been a success and looks forward to 2023. Thanks our city employees for their hard work.

- iv. Council Woman Russell: The Toy's for Tots drive did very well and tomorrow, December 17, is Cleveland Reads. Anybody can take their children and fill up a bag full of books. Has been getting a lot of phone calls about the mail service; she found out that Cleveland Heights has 75 routes, and are short 20 mail carriers. This shortage is an issue across Cuyahoga County.
- v. Councilor Moore: Read a prepared statement that effective today, she must resign her position on city council.
- vi. Councilman Mattox: Nothing to comment.

*Other council members expressed their sadness about Councilor Moore's resignation and thanked her for her hard work.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- i. It has been a good year for the city and we have had some great accomplishments, including Pay to Stay legislation, Lead Safe Legislation, finalized the TIF Legislation for the CLM Project, Taylor-Tudor and Park Synagogue developments are moving forward, right to inquiry process to improve information flow, and a new process for budget hearings—improving transparency—which Council passed the budget tonight, among other things. Happy holiday's and thank you all for your hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023



Melody Joy Hart
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council