



August 21, 2023
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

Cleveland Heights City Hall
Council Chambers
40 Severance Cir
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 7:34pm

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Janine Boyd, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson

Excused: Anthony Mattox Jr.

3) Excuse absent members

President Hart excused Councilman Anthony Mattox Jr.

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. May 15, 2023

APPROVED

6) Communications from the Mayor

Apologized for not being able to attend the MSES meeting this morning, but gave a brief response/update to a potential sidewalk repair program from a more holistic approach.

He also addressed emails that he has received related to the introduction of an Arts Commission for the City. This legislation was introduced on first reading at the 8/7/2023 regular council meeting and will be referred to the appropriate council committee (Administrative Services) for robust discussion. It will only be brought back in front of council after a recommendation from this committee to

do so.

Addressed his selection of Danny Williams for City Administrator, which is on second reading for adoption tonight. If approved by Council, he will be sworn in on September 5, 2023 before the regular council meeting that evening.

Provided a copy of Robert's Rules of order to all Council members.

7) Proclamation

Cleveland Heights High School Class of '73

A Proclamation was presented to Councilman Cuda's high school class (class of '73) for their 50-year reunion.

8) Report of the Clerk of Council

Nothing to report

9) Public Comment - Agenda Items only

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

None

10) LEGISLATION

Note: The title for each piece of legislation contains a parenthetical reference to the Council Committee within which the subject matter of the legislation falls. Council Committees are abbreviated as follows: (AS)-Administrative Services; (COTW)-Committee of the Whole; (CRR)-Community Relations and Recreation; (F)-Finance; (HB)-Housing and Building; (MSES)-Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability; (PD)-Planning and Development; (PSH)-Public Safety and Health. See Resolution 97-2022 for a list of Council Committee subject matter areas.

a. First Readings Only

ORDINANCE NO. 127-2023(PD): *First Reading*. An Ordinance introducing amendments to various Sections of Part Eleven, Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to create and make permanent the City of Cleveland Heights Shared Spaces Program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

REFERRED TO PD COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 128-2023(PD): *First Reading*. An Ordinance amending Chapter 110, *City Property Disposition*, of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to permit transfer of tax-foreclosed and donated-in-lieu-of-foreclosure properties to the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

REFERRED TO PD COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 129-2023(PD): *First Reading*. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to transfer title to specified City-owned properties to the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

REFERRED TO PD COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2023(MSES): *First Reading*. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Nutter Consulting for the preparation of a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

READ INTO THE RECORD

REFERRED TO MSES COMMITTEE

b. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2023(COTW): *Second Reading*. A Resolution allocating Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to Future Heights by City Council to serve as a co-sponsor for the 2023 Heights Music Hop; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart,

Tony Cuda
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2023(AS): Second Reading. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Danny R. Williams as City Administrator for the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to adopt: Craig Cobb
Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

c. Consent Agenda

Motion to suspend rules: Tony Cuda
Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda
No: None

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell
Seconded: Janine Boyd

Yes: Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Melody Joy Hart, Tony Cuda
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2023(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution joining communities throughout the nation in proclaiming September 2023, *Prostate Cancer Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

PASSED ON CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2023(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming September 2023, *National Preparedness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

PASSED ON CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2023(CRR): *First Reading*. A Resolution proclaiming September 8 - 17, 2023, *Welcoming Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

11) Committee Reports

PSH: Update on mentoring/diversion programs for youths in the community; they will be bringing back and updating these programs. Will be working with the County to get funding as well. Will be holding a formal PSH Committee Hearing sometime in September.

MSES: Update from meeting this morning. Will be adding an additional committee meeting to September, on top of the regularly scheduled meeting on September 18, 2023.

HB: Update on Short Term Rental legislation; also wanted to remind everybody that COTW will meet tomorrow to discuss ARPA funding, and he has suggested several housing programs. The next meeting will be September 5th.

AS: Will be scheduling a committee hearing in late September, or early October. He wants to make sure everybody has an opportunity to attend that hearing.

CRR: Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30pm will be the next meeting.

12) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

CJ Nash	Citizen	Noble Business District/Noble Station Development
Daniel Levin	Citizen	Parking meters
Robin Koslen	Citizen	Cain Park and response to citizen comments at Council meetings

Diane Hallum	Citizen	Noble Station Development
James Williams	Citizen	General Comments

13) Old Business

None

14) New Business

Tony Cuda:

- Residents have requested a crosswalk where Severance Cir. meets the entrance to Metro Health
- A resident asked why Cleveland Heights doesn't have roundabouts? Could this be something for the City to look into?
- There are times when the Council is asked to pass things on first reading; he wants to encourage his colleagues to resist this urge as he believes it creates the impression Council is rushing through the process.

15) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

APPROVED 9/18/2023



Melody Joy Hart
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council