



**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**

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

<b>Diane Hallum</b>	Citizen	Noble Station Development
<b>James Williams</b>	Citizen	General Comments

**13) Old Business**

None

**14) New Business**

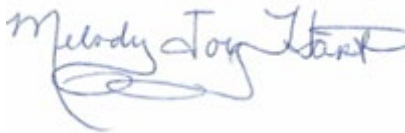
**Tony Cuda:**

- 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**




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Melody Joy Hart  
President of Council




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Addie Balester  
Clerk of Council